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OUTLINES.

In a tenement house fire at Pittsburg, a mother and her three children were burned to death and several others were injured.——The receivers of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Co., announce that they will accept premiums on policies, holding them in trust and returning the same to policy holders in case the company does not resume business——The hearing before the Inter-State Commerce Commission on the nine-hour law was concluded and a decision is expected by Tuesday——Judge Pritchard will appoint two masters to hear testimony in the South Carolina dispensary case——Patrick F. Garrett, a personal friend of President Roosevelt, was shot and killed at Santa Fe by Wayne Brozie——Mrs. Evelyn Thaw says she has demanded no money, nor has she been offered any to induce her to consent to the annulment of her marriage to Harry K. Thaw——Mayor O. B. Eaton of Winston-Salem addressed the United States League of Local Building and Loan Associations at New Orleans——The statement of clearing house banks for the week shows that the banks hold $29,262,675 more than the requirements of the 25 per cent. reserve rule, a decrease of $3,205,875 in the proportionate cash reserve as compared with last week——C. E. Humphreys, who was arrested on a charge of attempting to influence a jury in the capital graft cases at Harrisburg, Pa., has been released——Nasty charges were made in the National House of Representatives, to the effect that someone had yielded to the influence of a land syndicate that proposes to sell the government 6,000 acres of land near Washington for $250,000, to be used as a rifle range——The Senate was not in session——Capt. Robert Harris of the British steamer Cardiff accidentally shot himself while cleaning his revolver and will probably die——As a result of a train wreck near Moultrie, Ga., two are dead, two are mortally injured and 12 others are badly hurt——Mrs. Charlotte L. Noyes, a young and wealthy widow of Boston, Mass., was shot and killed in a hotel at Los Angeles, Cal., by W. P. McComos, a mining engineer——New York markets: money on call nominal, time loans steady; spot cotton quiet, 10 points advanced, middling uplands 11.45, middling gulf 11.70, sales none; flour firm, Minnesota patents 5.20 to 5.60; wheat spot strong, No. 2 red, 1.03 1-2 elevator; corn spot firm No. 2, 70 elevator; oats spot steady, mixed 57 1-2; rosin quiet, 3.75; turpentine easy, 53 1-2.

The National platforms can well "view with alarm" this time.

Another and a good name for Dementia Americana is Rooseveltism.

Luther Burbank has changed pipes and will now produce a cobless corn.

The crop of candidates is far from short but some of the candidates will be likely to get "short" before the campaign is over.

Having knocked out his own committee on rules, Speaker Cannon is now ready to tackle the other Presidential aspirants.

Many a quiet wedding results in a noisy and ill-smelling divorce.

Union hatters want the labed on—straight, of course.

One of the most amusing features of the Presidential campaign is the excited efforts of the Roosevelt administration to soft-soap organized labor.

The "powers" seem to be out of accord. While the administration is tickling organized labor in the ribs, the Supreme Court is swatting it in the solar plexus.

If the time should ever come when there are no saloons to smash, Carrie Nation would not necessarily be out of a job. She could then devote her attention to the blind tigers.

The man who originated the sobriquet "carpet-bagger" is dead, but he lived long enough to see the carpet bag entirely displaced by the dress suit case—in dry communities.

Mr. Bryan probably thinks that it's the same in politics as in advertising; that by keeping everlastingly at it success is sure to follow. Time will tell. He is certainly doing his part.

"The West is for you, Mr. President," said a rough rider to Mr. Roosevelt the other day. If he would only take it and be satisfied, some of the others who want the earth would be highly pleased.

Judge Blackstone of Virginia, who got drunk, frequented houses of ill repute and went to sleep on the bench while trying murder cases is about to lose his job. The investigating committee found him guilty of "gross immorality" and some other things. He seems to have been about as black as he was painted.

EXTRA TERM MONDAY

Superior Court For One Week For Trial of Criminal Causes Only.

JUDGE NEAL TO PRESIDE

Jail Cases of Which There are a Large Number Will be Taken Up First. Solicitor Duffy Arrived Yesterday.

A special term of the New Hanover Superior Court for the trial of criminal causes only, Judge Walter H. Neal presiding, will convene Monday morning at 10 o'clock and will remain in session for one week. This will be the first term of court for the trial of criminal actions since last Fall in consequence of which the jail is very much crowded and a part of the prisoners awaiting trial on the charge of misdemeanors have been transferred for safe keeping to the County Home and the convict camp.

All told there are 165 cases on the docket and of this number of defendants, 55 are confined in jail and thirty-odd at the other county institutions named. Jail cases will, of course, be given precedence over everything else and to those acquainted with Judge Neal's ability for dispatching business, it need not be said that much headway will be made in relieving conditions during the six days that he will preside over the court. The other cases will have to bide the two-weeks regular term of the court which will convene on March 30th; in fact, all of the returns since the special term was called have been made to the April term. In view of the fact that there are a large number of submissions and that the object will be to reduce the cases numerically instead of with regard to their importance, it is expected that none of the cases requiring much time for trial, will be taken up at this special term.

Solicitor Rodolph Duffy arrived in the city yesterday and spent the afternoon at the Court House arranging his docket, drawing bills, etc., so that there will be no delay in getting immediately down to business when court convenes tomorrow morning. A resume of the cases on the docket is without interest as a large majority of those for trial will be the ordinary misdemeanors, an accumulation since long before the holidays. The capital felonies will hardly be reached at this time. Judge Neal is expected to arrive this afternoon on the Seaboard Air Line or tonight on the late train. He has been spending the week at his home at Laurinburg as the two-week's term of Duplin court was completed in half the time allotted.

The following are the jurors summoned for the special term out of which both a grand jury and petit jury will be selected upon the convening of court:

C. L. Dickinson, J. H. Hinton, W. B. Walters, George Walton, E. Stokley, Cuthbert Martin, W. S. McDiarmid, W. A. Lineker, R. N. Sweet, A. B. Robinson, J. A. Munn, Geo. H. Heyer, S. V. Bunting, J. F. Rulf, Jr., J. E. Marshburn, A. L. White, D. B. Sinclair, F. A. Mason, R. C. Banks, A. J. Johnson, J. W. Willetts, D. McKoy Johnson, K. W. Jewell, Roger Moore, H. M. Bishop, O. L. Browne, L. W. Baggett, Charles E. Smith, W. A. Williams, O. E. Merritt, J. W. Kerr, D. F. Klein, A. S. Holden, N. H. Lockhart, John Hall, Alex. Wells.

Purchased Red Cross Street Property.

Through the real estate agency of James Owen Reilly, Mr. Albert Rothschild yesterday became the purchaser, for $7,000 of the two houses and lots on the south side of Red Cross street, Nos. 106 and 108. The deed covering a transfer of the property will be filed in a day or two.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

D. McEachern—$25 Reward.
K. of P.—Attention Members.
F. E. Hashagen & Co.—Cigars.
J. W. Fleet Co.—Suits to Order.
Dickinson & Davis—Dissolution.
Platt & Haar—Special Offerings.
Emma L. Draper—Mortgagee's Sale.
J. H. Hardin—Newbro's Herpicide.
J. W. H. Fuchs—Buster Brown and Tige.
Solomon Shoe Store—Putte Leggings.
J. Hicks Bunting Drug Co.—Bargains.
Roger Moore's Sons & Co.—Brick! Brick! Brick!
N. Jacobi Hardware Co.—Garland Stoves and Ranges.

Business Locals.

For Rent—Five Rooms.
For Rent—Upstairs Room.
To Let—Room and Board.
For Rent—Furnished Rooms.
Wanted—Experienced Nurse.
J. O. Reilly—Good Investment.
Zeck Company—Ladies to Copy.
"Wholesale"—Active Man Wanted.
For Sale—Carnations and Flowers.
Los Angeles Cider Co.—Soft Drink Salesman.
California Cider & Ex. Co.—Salesman Wanted.
Globe Adv. & Dist. Co.—Hustling Men Wanted.

PROGRAMME ANNOUNCED

County School Superintendents of Southeastern District Meet This Month at Jacksonville, Onslow County—Subjects.

The programme for the forthcoming convention of county school superintendents for the Southeastern District of the State, to be held at Jacksonville, Onslow county, on the 12th and 13th of March, was announced yesterday by Superintendent Washington Catlett, of this city, who is secretary of the Association.

The district comprises thirteen counties in this section of the State and the superintendents are looking forward to a most interesting and profitable session. State Superintendent Joyner and perhaps other distinguished educators will be present and the programme forms the nucleus for a series of discussions that is bound to result in much good. The people of Jacksonville will entertain the visitors royally and they are looking forward with much pleasure to meeting in that hospitable town.

The opening session of the convention will be held Thursday morning, the 12th, at 10:30 o'clock when the address of welcome to the visitors will be by Superintendent W. M. Thompson, of Onslow schools. The response will be by President C. W. Howard, of Lenoir, in behalf of the Association. These preliminary features will be followed by short talks by members until 11 o'clock, when Superintendent S. M. Brinson, of Craven, will speak on "Co-operation of the County Superintendent and His Committeemen for the Welfare of the Schools." All committeemen are invited to be present and participate in this discussion which will last until 1 o'clock when a recess will be taken for dinner.

The superintendents will reassemble at 2:30 o'clock and Superintendent F T. Wooten, of Columbus, will lead a discussion of the subject, "Establishing High Schools in Rural Districts." At 3:30 P. M. "The Value of Music in the Public Schools and the Means of Introducing it" will be discussed by Superintendent C. H. Utley, of Pender At 8 o'clock the first day's sessions will conclude with a public address by State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner. The public will be welcomed to hear this address.

Friday's sessions will open with a general discussion of the subject "How to Interest the People in Voting Special Taxes for Improvement of Schools." This will be led by Superintendent E. T. Atkinson, of Wayne. and superintendents will be called upon to give personal experience on the subject. At 11:30 "How to Grow Rural Schools and Carry Out System Prepared by the State Superintendent" will be led by Superintendent J. E. Debnam, of Greene county. Following a recess for dinner at 1 o'clock the superintendents will reassemble

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MATCH WON BY RYAN

Doughty Scotchman Made it Two Straights With Ladue Last Night.

FIRST FALL IN 29 MINUTES

Second Came Quickly and On Close Decision — Audience Somewhat Larger Than on Former Occasion.

The wrestling match at the Academy of Music last night resulted in the defeat of Ladue, the Baltimore middle-weight, by Ryan in two straight falls, the first in 29 minutes and the second in exactly nine. There was some disappointment among the grapple fans that Ladue did not make a better showing in the second bout and the last fall was far from satisfactory to the audience, but the referee gave his unqualified decision in favor of the big Scotchman and that settled it.

The attendance was rather larger than on previous occasions and the first bout was as fine an exhibition of the ancient sport as was ever witnessed here. It was just this that made it so disappointing to the fans when the second fall came so quickly and upon an extremely close and difficult decision, which Ryan admitted himself from the stage might have been an error of judgment, offering to have the fall over again with Ladue. But the Frenchman would not compromise his professional standing by appearing after a referee's decision and remained in his dressing room until the conclusion of the evening's entertainment. He worked exceedingly hard the first bout and was not at his best for the second round with the heavy Scot, who had reserved a greater amount of energy for the conclusion of the match, knowing full well that the doughty Baltimorean had an even chance.

The first fall, after 29 minutes of fast and extremely furious grappling, Ryan remaining largely on the defensive, was won by the local champion with the body scissors and bar lock This, too, was a close decision as viewed from the audience but no one is in better position to judge of these affairs than the referee and in the person of Capt. Robert Green, the fans had one on the platform in whom they had every confidence.

The second fall was not as snappy as the first and Ryan bore his adversary's shoulders to the mat on the offside from all of the spectators, but the few in the boxes, immediately over the stage. It was a battle of brawn and muscle and came with the arm scissors and bar lock, being won

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MONTH'S PORT STATISTICS

Cotton Receipts Nearly Double Those of March Last Year—Domestic and Foreign Exports—Naval Store Figures.

The monthly stock report of cotton and naval stores for February was posted today at the Chamber of Commerce and makes an interesting showing as to the receipts of these staple products at Wilmington. The report shows that during February there nearly twice as much cotton was received as came in the same month last season while naval stores held their own pretty well.

For the month of February this year the receipts of cotton amounted to 23,696 bales, while during the same month the season of 1907, only 15,106 bales came in. The receipts since September 1st have been 454,820 bales against 297,045 up to the same date in 1906. The domestic receipts the past month were 1,000 bales while 29,068 bales went foreign, making a grand total of 30,068 against exports of only 13,301 same month in 1907. Of the exports last year in February, only one bale was domestic and 13,300 foreign.

The domestic and foreign exports for the crop year to date have been 450,868 bales against 286,463 bales up to the same date in 1907. Of the receipts this year 4,256 bales were domestic and 446,618 foreign. Last year up to the same date 2,234 bales had gone domestic and 284,229 foreign. While there are no ships loading cotton here at present, there are several charters out and steamers are expected during this month to wind up the season.

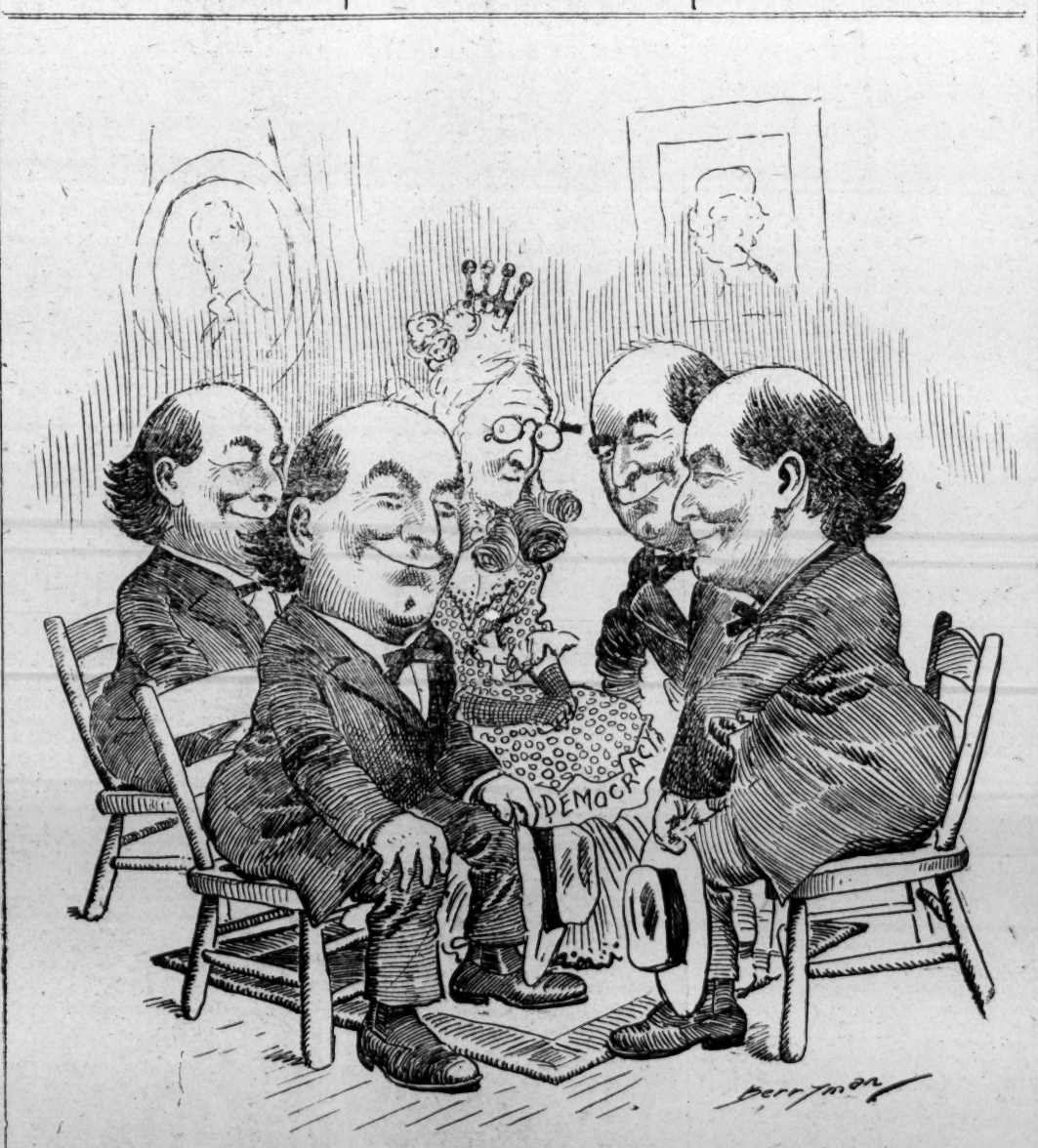
Naval store receipts for the month were as follows: Spirits 383 casks against 433 same month last year; rosin 5,992 barrels against 5,237; tar 356 barrels against 6,142 and crude turpentine, 362 barrels against 308 barrels in February 1907. Crop year receipts show a falling off in all items except tar.

THE FIDDLERS' CONVENTION.

Interest in the New and Novel Entertainment Increasing.

The Fiddlers' Convention, or contest which is scheduled to take place here Monday night, March 9th, is already creating considerable interest. Many of the older people who rarely leave the fireside after night, have been heard to remark, "Well, that's one thing I'm going to attend." In addition to plain old-fashioned fiddling, there will be specialties, banjo solos, dancing and others, and a good time assured all who attend. These conventions have been held in all the principal towns in the State and crowded houses have been the result, and in several places had to be repeated.

Philosophers, unlike poets, are made, not born.



MR. BRYAN FEELS REASONABLY CERTAIN THAT HE WILL BE HER CHOICE
—Courtesy of Washington Star.

NEWS FROM RALEIGH

Affairs of The Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company in North Carolina.

GUARD INSSPECTION BEGINS

Several Charters Granted With One Amendment — Cost of Railway Rate Litigation—Governor Invited to Florida—Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 29.—The North Carolina Insurance Department has received official notice of the appointment of receivers for the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company, of New York, and Judge Purnell of the United States District and Circuit Court here has acted in ancillary proceedings by the naming of the same receivers of the company for the business in North Carolina, the purpose of the proceeding in this State being to keep the funds of the company now in the State here for the protection as far as possible, of the North Carolina policyholders.

Insurance Commissioner Young says that it will be impossible at this time to tell what will be the result of the receivership. It may be that the business of the company will be wound up or there may be carried through some arrangement to reorganize the company and put it to work again. The receivers have notified all policyholders and others having claims against the company to file them with the receivers and this should have the attention of all interested parties in North Carolina at once.

Colonel Thomas Stringfield, of Waynesville, Inspector General of the North Carolina National Guard, arrived today ready to start out Monday with Captain A. H. Hugnet, of the United States Army, on the annual inspection of the companies comprising the North Carolina National Guard. Captain Hugnet being detailed by the United States War Department for this work. The inspection will begin in Raleigh Monday night with the company here and the Third Regiment band. The last inspection will be at Waynesville on April 15th.

A charter is issued for the Newbern Brick Company., of Newbern, with $5,000 authorized and $4,000 subscribed by W. E. Moore, J. V. and Blades with authority to deal in timber lands, lumber brick and conduct a mercantile business.

Another charter is to the Southern Realty and Development Company, of Lumberton, capital $50,000 authorized and $5,000 subscribed by L. T. Cook, D. P. Shaw and J. A. Rowland.

The charter of the Behrends-Riley Furniture Company, of Wilmington, is amended so that the name is changed to the Behrends-Ziegler Furniture Company. S. Behrends is president of the company.

Governor Glenn and other State officers in touch with the developments in the case say that it will be possibly months before the compromise railroad rate litigation will be finally closed up and the actual amount known. To date there has been paid out in attorney's fees and court costs thus far audited $18,829.24. However there are yet other attorneys fees to come in besides fees and expenses of a number of expert witnesses summoned and various court costs including more than $300 to the clerk of the State Supreme Court where the famous initial case of State vs. Green went on appeal from Judge Long's sensational proceeding and $30,000 fine against the Southern. The expectation is that when the final round up of the costs is made the sum total will be somewhere about $25,000.

An invitation has come to Governor Glenn to go to Florida March 17th and deliver the opening address for the Florida Anti-Saloon League in annual convention on that date at Jacksonville. The governor hopes to be able to accept the invitation

The church of the Good Shepherd here had the misfortune to lose the chapel it has maintained for a number of years in Cary, eight miles west of Raleigh, when the big fire occurred there a few days ago. A very attractive hall had been fitted up as chapel in the immense brick building that was burned. The furnishings that were lost cannot be replaced for less than $1,000. Another unfortunate condition is that there is scarcely another building in Cary that is available for the purpose. Other denominations there have offered ther churches for the Episcopal services but the Cannonical regulations that would prevent a tender of an Episcopal church to other denominations under any circumstances would deter the Good Shepherd workers at Cary to accept the courtesy from them although the offer is immensely appreciated. There was no insurance on the church property destroyed.

Children's Spring Suits.

Messrs. J. M. Solky & Co., the one-price clothiers and furnishers, announce the receipt of an entirely new line of children's suits, which are now ready for inspection at this popular Masonic Temple store. The suits are in bloomers and straight pants and are all new and nobby. Customers are asked to come early to get best selections.

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THE WATERWAYS MESSAGE.

The President last week sent a special message to Congress accompanying the report of the Inland Waterways Commission.

In the course of this message he said:

"Our river systems are better adapted to the needs of the people than those of any other country. In extent, distribution, navigability and ease of use, they stand first. Yet the rivers of no other civilized country are so poorly developed, so little used or play so small a part in the industrial life of the nation as those of the United States. In view of the use made of rivers elsewhere, the failure to use our own is astonishing, and no thoughtful man can believe that it will last."

The reason for this astonishing neglect and disregard of our magnificent natural waterways as channels of commerce is charged to the railroads that have for so many years, and until very recently absolutely controlled Congress and the commerce of the country.

The railroads, with possibly one exception, while receiving in public franchises and grants of land, everything that could advance their interests, did not ask for money, and that fact enabled Congressmen to secure money for their constituencies for other purposes. This was real nice, as everybody knows that a Congressman's hold on the office and title to political popularity is more or less, generally more dependent upon the larger amount of public money he can secure to be expended in his district.

The commission's report on this branch of the subject finds that it was unregulated railroad competition which prevented or distroyed the development of commerce on our inland waterways.

The Mississippi river, the greatest of our natural highways, was once without a rival in carrying the commerce of the country, but its traffic has been driven away by the railroads.

Continuing the President said:

"Throughout the country the railways have secured such control of canals and steamboat lines that today inland waterway transportation is largely in their hands. This was natural and doubtless inevitable under the circumstances, but it should not be allowed to continue unless under careful government regulation.

"Comparatively little inland freight is carried by boat which is not carried a part of its journey by rail also. As the report shows, the successful development and use of our inter-state waterways will require intelligent regulations between rail and water traffic. When this is done the railways and waterways will assist instead of injuring each other. Both will benefit, but the chief benefit will accrue to the people in general through quicker and cheaper transportation.

"The report rests throughout on the fundamental conception that every waterway should be made to serve the people as largely and in as many different ways as possible. It is poor business to develop a river for navigation in such a way as to prevent its use for power, when by a little foresight it could be made to serve both purposes. We cannot afford needlessly to sacrifice power to irrigation, to domestic water supply, when by taking thought we may have all three. Every stream should be used to the utmost. No stream can be so used unless such use is planned for in advance. When such plans are made we shall find that, instead of interfering, one use can often be made to assist another. Each river system, from its headwaters in the forest to its mouth on the coast, is a single unit and should be treated as such. Navigation of the lower reaches of a stream cannot be fully developed without the control of floods and lower waters by storage and drainage. Navigable channels are directly concerned with the protection of source waters and with soil erosion which takes the materials for bars and shoals from the richest portions of our farms. The uses of a stream for domestic and municipal water supply, for power, and in many cases for irrigation, must also be taken into full account.

"The development of our inland waterways will have results far beyond the immediate gain to commerce. Deep channels along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts and from the Gulf to the Great Lakes will have high value for the national defense. The use of water power will measurably relieve the drain upon our diminishing supplies of coal, and transportation by water instead of rail only will tend to conserve our iron. Forest protection, without which river improvement cannot be permanent, will at the same time help to postpone the threatened timber famine, and will secure us against a total dearth of timber by providing for the perpetuation of the remaining woodlands, irrigation will create the means of livelihood for millions of people, and supplies of pure water will powerfully promote the public health. If the policy of waterway improvement here recommended is carried out, it will affect for good every citizen of the Republic. The National Government must play the leading part in securing the largest possible use of our waterways; other agencies can assist, and should assist, but the work is essentially national in its scope."

It is extremely unlikely, we regret to say, that the present Congress will do anything decisive for the waterways because the check that was put on the railroads, was more the result of a newly developed craze or fad, which was started by the President, and which is now more or less regretted in many quarters.

Consequently there will be a tendency to move slowly and with deliberation along new lines.

The President's waterway message did not excite much interest or arouse any enthusiasm and we fear this shows a lack of sentiment in their favor.

ENGAGEMENTS IN WRITING.

Many people have long deplored the light-hearted manner in which marriage engagements are held and the frequency with which they are broken or ruthlessly thrown aside, often to the complete undoing of one of the parties to the contract.

In many communities and by very many people the marriage engagement is considered as sacred and binding as the ceremony itself.

Bishop Richard Scannell, of the Nebraska diocese of the Catholic church has made a study of this subject and as a result has promulgated a ruling that all clergy of all denominations would do well to adopt.

He orders that all engagements of marriage within the limits of his diocese shall be reduced to writing and witnessed by at least two people, before a Priest will be permitted to perform the ceremony.

The Bishop ascribes as a reason for his ruling that engagements have come to be so lightly regarded that such action is necessary to preserve their sanctity and impress the solemnity and binding nature of the step taken.

The action of the Bishop, while applicable of course, only to engagements in which at least one of the principals is a Catholic, can be but wholesome in its effects.

It will tend to diminish trifling on a serious subject and to impress the solemnity of the agreement and the fact that the two principals are in duty bound to fulfil the terms of it, unless grave cause should arise for its annulment.

The Priest, and ultimately, the Bishop, will be the judge of the gravity of the cause or provocation for dissolving the engagement.

The new ruling will also tend to prevent elopements in disregard of parental objection which in so very many cases result disastrously. It will also greatly decrease the number of hasty and ill-advised marriages and thereby will lessen the unhappiness resulting from such mis-mated unions.

As suggested above it would be well for the ministers of other denominations to take some such step to bring about a greater appreciation of the step taken and of its serious and binding nature, and of the unhappiness which is too liable to follow freak or hasty weddings.

SLEEPY PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia long known as a sleepy, slow going sort of a "burg" and celebrated mostly because of the big Centenial exposition she pulled off some years ago, seems to be waking up.

She has had a real street riot and some meetings of genuine anarchists. She quelled the riot in due course of time and has got several anarchists in jail.

It now turns out that in the matter of crime, just general all round crime, she has been doing splendidly, actually putting some of her big sister cities completely in the shade by her score.

During the past year the Quaker City found seventy-two indictments for murder. This figure does not include all of the homicides in that city during the time. Some of these cases are now pending while in others the evidence was not sufficient to warrant an indictment.

And to think of all this; Philadelphia is one of those "holier than thou" cities that is constantly pointing out the path of righteousness and peace to others.

GOMPERS ON WAGE REDUCTION.

Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, delivered an address at the annual banquet of the National Civic Federation in New York last week.

He spoke strongly against the proposed reduction in wages throughout the country and in the course of his remarks said:

"To reduce wages will not relieve the situation, but will make it worse; for a reduction of wages means a reduction of consuming power. They who propose relief through wage reduction remind me of the wife of a young blacksmith of Washington. 'Did you sew that button on my coat?' this blacksmith asked his wife one morning. 'No, dear,' the wife answered, 'I couldn't find the button, but I sewed up the buttonhole, so it's all right.'"

THE BIG STICK

It may not be just to shake a Big Stick and predict dire calamity—but where is the Mother who would not thank the neighbor who warned her against Croup or Pneumonia?

No alarm carries so much fear to the mother's mind as the announcement that Baby has Croup or that that dread disease Pneumonia has entered the household. A fifty cent piece invested in GOWAN'S PNEUMONIA CURE is absolute assurance and insurance against any disease where there is INFLAMMATION. External in its application, no harm to follow, why then is there a home in all the world that is not supplied with a bottle of this wonderful preparation? Simply because the purchase is postponed in many cases until Death fills the home with sorrow. "Too late" a melancholy dirge that has filled the air since Man learned how to procrastinate.

The editor of the Houston Post, who has a faculty of combining the sublime and the ridiculous, unloaded the following on his readers one week ago today.

"On this beautiful, sun-kissed, violetiferous, jonquilescent, hyancinthanous, fuschsiated and carnationimous Sabbath morning, when the Lord and all His beautiful angels are with us in Heavenly Houston—the City of Anthems—it is a sweetly solemn thought that at least a year will pass before the saintly Democrats of the United States are confronted with the horrible discovery that there are not Federal offices enough to accomodate one-ninetieth of the patriots who will be swearing they are original Bryan men."

There is enough language in that outburst to give even John Temple Graves palpitation of the heart.

Attention is directed to the article of Hon. John D. Bellamy, in another column, in which he gives cogent reasons why Mr. Bryan should not be a third-time nominee for the Presidency. Mr. Bellamy is a Democrat of the "straitest sect," has always supported the nominees of his party and will support Mr. Bryan again if nominated by the Denver convention; but he realizes that Mr. Bryan is not the man to unite the Democratic party in the great battle to be fought in November.

We are informed that the price of rubber is now soaring. Can it be possible that the demand for gumshoes for use during the coming campaign is to make several more millionaires? The gum shoe should be the emblem of the revolting Republicans who dare not speak their sentiments. A tin or brass horn will do for the administration crowd.

The Roosevelt administration has no more right to investigate and meddle with the wage scale of the railroads than it has to probe into the wage scale of the churches or the farm. This is no monarchy that permits government spies to pry into private business affairs and it is high time to call a halt.

One of the "men out of a job" has so far lost his patience as to remark that "predatory wealth pays wages while hot air is only good for inflating balloons." But this is an age of airships and it's no particular wonder that a balloon with an abnormal gas bag landed in the White House.

They say some of those Georgians have got the Prohibition conviction on so tight that they believe it a sin to pay their past due bar bills. Can it be that this conviction is dictated by self-interest?

CURRENT COMMENT.

—Maybe the earthquake recorded a day or two ago was merely the water wagon rumbling through Georgia.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

—Guests of the Duke of Westminster recently burglarized his house as a joke, the English joke being proverbially bad.—Philadelphia Ledger.

—Mr. Bryan has never suggested that any other Democrat than himself is fit to be President. He may fear to express a second choice lest he be taken at his word.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

—Senator Jeff Davis is telling his admiring constituents in Arkansas all about his last speech in the Senate. So long as it continues to be his last speech, nobody in the Senate is going to complain.—Durham Daily Sun.

—A supreme court judge of the State of North Carolina receives $3,500. Some attorneys, who probably have other things on their minds than the State's interest, receive more.—Raleigh Evening Times.

—Uncle Joe Cannon is getting his share of booming for the presidency, but he is losing no sleep over it. He feels that he is in the position of a man who has nothing to lose and not very much to gain.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

—Editor Julian's fight against reduction of wages for railway employes is all right, but he musn't ask us to O. K. all his other positions, for he isn't always as right as he is now. At least, that's the way it looks in this sanctum.—Raleigh News and Observer.

—It is "up to" the Democracy of North Carolina to eliminate the Professional Politician. Recent events have shown us that it is a dangerous thing for the busy people of this great Commonwealth to leave the handling of public affairs to the Demagogue and Office Seeker.—Lincoln County News.

—Five of the eight Republican members of the Senate committee which investigated the Brownsville affair against sustaining the President. Senator Foraker would have triumphed in committee but for the Democratic members. How the "old line" Republicans do writhe under the leadership of Mr. Roosevelt! They are afraid to attack him in the open, most of them; but they lose no opportunity for a lick with the sandbag.

—Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, in answer to a question whether he was a candidate for the presidential nomination or not replied that it would have to come to him, if it comes at all, without his seeking. All the same the sentiment doesn't any the less demonstrate his fitness. The man who chases around over the country electioneering for a presidential office like a man hunting the job of a country constable hasn't a very high notion either of his own merits or for the dignity of the office he seeks.—Chattanooga Daily Times.

TWINKLINGS.

—"He hasn't any heart in his work." "Exactly. That's his liver."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

—"Is your wife of the same opinion still?" "She is of the same opinion, but not still."—Smart Set.

—Rogers—There's Gregg over there. I'd like to catch his eye. Randall—Well, here! Take my umbrella.—Harper's Weekly.

—Landlord—Washington once slept in that bed you occupied last night. Guest—That's more than I could do. —Judge.

—"Your daughter was playing the piano all day yesterday." "Yes; she did it to cheer her mother, who was doing the washing."—Houston Post.

—"You promised to lay the world at my feet." "Well, it's there; you're not standing on your head, are you?"—Houston Post.

—"Come up to the camp for a week. The shooting is excellent. Plenty of guides." "Really, old chap. I—I couldn't shoot a guide."—Kansas City Journal.

—"And I am the very first you have loved, Bertha?" "Of course, you are. How tedious you men are. You all ask me the same question."—London Opinion.

—Hewitt—A Chinese play lasts two weeks. Jewett—Then if a man has any eggs to throw he'd better save them for the last act.—Harper's Weekly.

—First Artist—They tell me Gayboy has gone to the bad. Another case of extravagance, I suppose? Second Artist—Not exactly; twins and doctor bills, I believe.—Chicago News.

—Enthusiastic Auditor (at the opera)—Didn't she do the aria divinely? Boarding-House Miss—Huh! You You ought to hear that on our graphophone!—Chicago Tribune.

—Whit—How does the new mare travel? Skit—Fine. Took my best girl out driving yesterday and she went great. My arms are sore from holding her in. Whit—Holding who in?—Illustrated Bits.

—In the last act the heroine's tears fell like rain. The villain was surprised. She had been so cold during the preceding acts that he expected nothing less than a hail storm.—Chicago News.

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All note holders, and other creditors of the Association are therefore hereby notified to present the notes or other claims for payment.

JNO. S. ARMSTRONG, President.

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State of North Carolina,
New Hanover County,
Superior Court.

John T. Riley and Henry C. Riley, copartners trading and doing business under the style and firm name of Chas. S. Riley & Company, who sue in behalf of themselves and all other creditors Plaintiffs.

vs.

W. T. Sears & Company, Inc., Defendant.

NOTICE.

TO ALL CREDITORS OF W. T. SEARS & COMPANY, Inc.

Please take notice by decree of Hon. W. H. Neal, Judge riding the Fifth Judicial District of North Carolina, you are directed to file with the undersigned receivers of the said W. T. Sears & Company, Inc., any and all claims or other evidences of debt that you have against the said company duly verified according to law, on or before the 20th day of March, 1908, or you shall be barred in participating in the assets of the defendant company.

This the 20th day of February, 1908.

HENRY C. RILEY,
JOHN D. BELLAMY,
Receivers of W. T. Sears & Co., Inc.

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SUMMONS.

The State of North Carolina, to the Sheriff of New Hanover County—GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to summon W. T. Sears & Co., Inc., to appear at the next term of said Court, to be held at the Court House in Wilmington on the 4th Monday after the 1st Monday of March, 1908, it being the 30th day of March, 1908, to answer the complaint of said Plaintiff. If the Defendant shall fail to appear at the time, the Plaintiff will apply for the relief demanded in the complaint, together with costs of this action.

Of this Summons make due return to the Clerk of said Court for the County of New Hanover.

Given under my hand this 11th day of Feb., 1908.

JNO. D. TAYLOR, ,
Clerk Superior Court New Hanover County.

W. N. HARRISS,
Deputy.

North Carolina,
New Hanover County.

We, the undersigned, Chas. S. Riley & Co., and L. J. Hannah, acknowledge ourselves bound unto the defendant in the sum of two hundred dollars to be void, nevertheless, if the plaintiff in the above entitled action shall pay the defendant all such costs as the defendant shall recover of him in said action. Otherwise to be in full force and effect.

This 11 day of February, 1908.

CHAS. S. RILEY & CO. (Seal)
by H. McCLAMMY, Atty.
L. J. HANNAH, (Seal)

(seal)
Witness: W. N. HARRISS.
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CONDENSED STATEMENT
of the condition of the
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At the close of business February 14, 1908. Condensed from official report to the Government.

RESOURCES		
Loans and Discounts		$ 853,765.29
Overdrafts		3,268.67
United States Bonds and Premium		258,454.10
First Mortgage Railroad bonds (market value $62,700.00)		60,575.00
Furniture, Fixtures and Safes		6,780.49
Cash and Reserve		
Due from other banks	$500,142.85	
Cash in our Vaults	74,490.25	$ 574,633.10
		$1,757,476.05

LIABILITIES		
Capital		$ 200,000.00
Surplus		100,000.00
Undivided Profits, net		24,292.24
Circulation		200,000.00
Deposits.		
Banks	$705,544.76	
United States Government	104,000.00	
Individuals	423,639.05	$1,233,183.81
		$1,757,476.05

C. N. EVANS, Cashier.

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New Orleans, La., Pensacola, Fla., Mobile, Ala., March 3rd, 1908. One first-class fare plus twenty-five cents for the round trip from ALL POINTS.

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Trains Arrive at Wilmington as Follows

No. 44 at 12:35 A. M. from Charlotte, Hamlet and local Stations.

No. 40 arrives 1:30 P. M. from Charlotte, connecting at Hamlet with No. 38 from Birmingham and Atlanta, No. 33 from Norfolk and Raleigh.

Trains Leave Wilmington as Follows

	No. 45	No. 39
Lv. Wilm't'n..	4:50 A. M.	4:00 P. M.
Ar Lumb't'n..	7:26 A. M.	6:55 P. M.
Ar Maxton....	8:18 A. M.	7:49 P. M.
Ar Hamlet....	9:15 A. M.	8:50 P. M.
Lv Hamlet....	9:45 A. M.	10:20 P. M.
Ar Monroe....	11:40 A. M.	12:20 A. M.
Ar Ch'lotte....	12:35 P. M.	12:35 A. M.

No. 45 connects at Hamlet with No. 66 for Raleigh and Richmond and points north. At Monroe with No. 53 for Atlanta.

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Happenings and Doings In Society.

BY M. H.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Heyer returned to the city on Tuesday last, after spending several days in Norfolk, Va.

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Mr. Henry Heyer, who spent several days here during the past week, returned to Chapel Hill on Wednesday last.

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Mr. Robert Bridgers returned to Chapel Hill on Tuesday, after spending the holiday given on account of Washington's Brithday.

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Miss Florence Kidder, after having spent several days at Chapel Hill, where she attended the dances given there during the past week, rturned to the city on Monday last.

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The many friends of Misses Eliza and Ellen Bellamy will be pleased to learn that they have returned to their home after an absence of several months spent in Columbia, S. C.

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Miss Madge Johnson, an attractive young lady of Rock Hill, S. C., is the guest of Miss Agnes McQueen, on South Front street, where she will visit for several days. Miss Johnson has a number of friends in Wilmington who are glad to have her among them.

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The many friends of Mr. George Lynch were glad to see him in the city during the past week, where he spent several days. Mr. Lynch is now living at Jacksonville, Fla., and is in charge of extensive work along the right of way of the Atlantic Coast Line on that division.

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A meeting of the Young Ladies Card Club or the G. A. R. Club, as it is more properly called, was held at the home of Mrs. Paul L. Cantwell, on Wednesday afternoon. There were three tables, and six hand Euchre was played. Those who were present spent a most enjoyable afternoon.

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Mrs. Francis Crosbie Roles and her son, Mr. Francis Crosbie Roles, Jr., of Colombo, Ceylon, India, are the guests of Mrs. Elizabeth VanB. Sands, at the Carolina Apartment House, where they will remain on a visit of some time, and where they are the recipients of many social attentions.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Victor Grainger entertained very informally but delightfully on Monday evening at a supper followed by a small Bridge party, at which the guest of honor was Mrs. F. C. Rolles. Those who were present were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dick, Mr. and Mrs. James Carmichael, Mrs. Elizabeth VanB. Sands and her sister, Mrs. Rolles, of India.

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On Tuesday evening of last week Mr. and Mrs. Donald MacRae entertained "The Tuesday Evening Bridge Club," and it was voted by all of the members to have been one of the most delightful meetings that the Club has held this season. All of the members were present and the only guests of the Club were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. DeRosset, of Baltimore, Md.

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After a visit of several weeks as the guest of Miss Helen Strange, on Orange street, Misses Susie Maguire and Margaret Crump returned to Richmond on Monday last. Miss Maguire and Miss Crump during their visit to Wilmington, have been the recipients of a great many social attentions, and have made a large circle of friends here who greatly regret their departure.

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Friends of Miss Margaret Bridgers will be glad to learn that she is expected to return to Wilmington shortly, from New York, where she has been visiting for several weeks. Miss Bridgers will be accompanied by Miss Heloise Bebee, of Eastern Shore, Maryland, who has also been visiting in New York. Miss Bebee will visit her for several weeks, and her many friends anticipate her coming with much pleasure.

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One of the most delightful dances ever given by L'Arioso German Club was the one given on Wednesday evening in the Masonic Temple hall room. About 35 couples participated in the pleasures of the evening, and the dance was led by Mr. Clayton Giles, Jr. The hall was decorated for the occasion and Hollowbushes' orchestra furnished the music. There were quite a number of out-of-town guests present, who added greatly to the pleasure of the occasion. This is the last dance which will be given by this club until after Easter.

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The young people of city are looking forward with pleasant anticipation to the dance of L'Agile Cotillon Club, which will be given on Monday evening in the Masonic Temple Ball Room. There will be quite a number of couples present, and it is expected that this dance will be as great a success as those that have preceded it.

Miss May Ella Rankin entertained a number of her friends at a Bridge Party, on Thursday afternoon. Miss Helen DuPre, of Spartanburg, S. C., was the guest of honor. While informal, the entertainment was much enjoyed by all of the guests.

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On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Elizabeth VanB. Sands was the hostess of a very attractive Tea, given complimentary to her guest, Mrs. Francis Crosbie Roles, of Colombo, India. It was the first of a series of Teas, which will be given by Mrs. Sands to her many friends in this city. The house was simply but tastefully decorated for the occasion with Spring flowers. Those who assisted Mrs. Sands in receiving her friends were Mrs. Roles, Mrs. Theodore Marburg and Mrs. J. Victor Grainger, while Mrs. George

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NEGRO ELKS' LODGES

White and Colored Members of Order in Conference at St. Paul's.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 24—The first steps towards a determined fight to prevent colored men from appropriating the name of Elks and incorporating colored lodges of Elks in Minnesota has been taken by Grand Exalted Ruler John K. Tener, of Pennsylvania, who has notified Secretary of State Schmall, of St. Paul, that the Grand Lodge Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the established white fraternity, will fight the use of the name by colored men. T he white grand lodge requests that time be allowed in which to send representatives to wage the legal warfare against the colored order.

The clash is precipitated by the organization of two colored lodges of Elks in Minnesota, one of which is located in St. Paul, and is largely composed of Pullman porters, colored barbers and other colored men. The first intimation of the birth of the new colored fraternity came when a prominent officer of St. Paul lodge (white), which has 1,000 members, woke up one morning and noticed that the Pullman porter who was brushing his clothes was wearing the familiar Elks' tooth charm. He protested and found that the colored brother was a member of a colored lodge, and that the colored lodge was an Elks' organization. Searching investigations followed at once, which developed the fact that the colored ritual is copied in part from ideas gained from the white order though it is but a poor imitation.

The organization of the second colored lodge has precipitated the battle. Fully half the horde of Pullman porters who make their headquarters in St. Paul when off duty, are members of these new lodges, and the white Elks are bitterly protesting against what they term the desecration of their emblem and the infringement of the colored contingent. The white order has always drawn the color line, although it is extremely liberal and patriotic in its principles and ritual.

The fight against the colored order in Minnesota will be prosecuted by the grand lodge, B. P. O. E. to relieve local Minnesota lodges of the embarrassments of a warfare involving the color line. Legal proceedings will be instituted to enjoin the colored lodge from using the name and symbols of the white lodges and to force them to eliminate from their order all elements which would suggest to the uninformed a connection with the white fraternity.

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To secure the proper results from this soothing curative remedy, it is necessary to use oil of wintergreen compounded with other mild ingredients. This compound known as D. D. D. Prescription, not only relieves but permanently cures. Just try D. D. D. Prescription. Try a few drops and note the relief. We positively vouch for the merits of this remedy. Robt. R. Bellamy, Wilmington, N. C.

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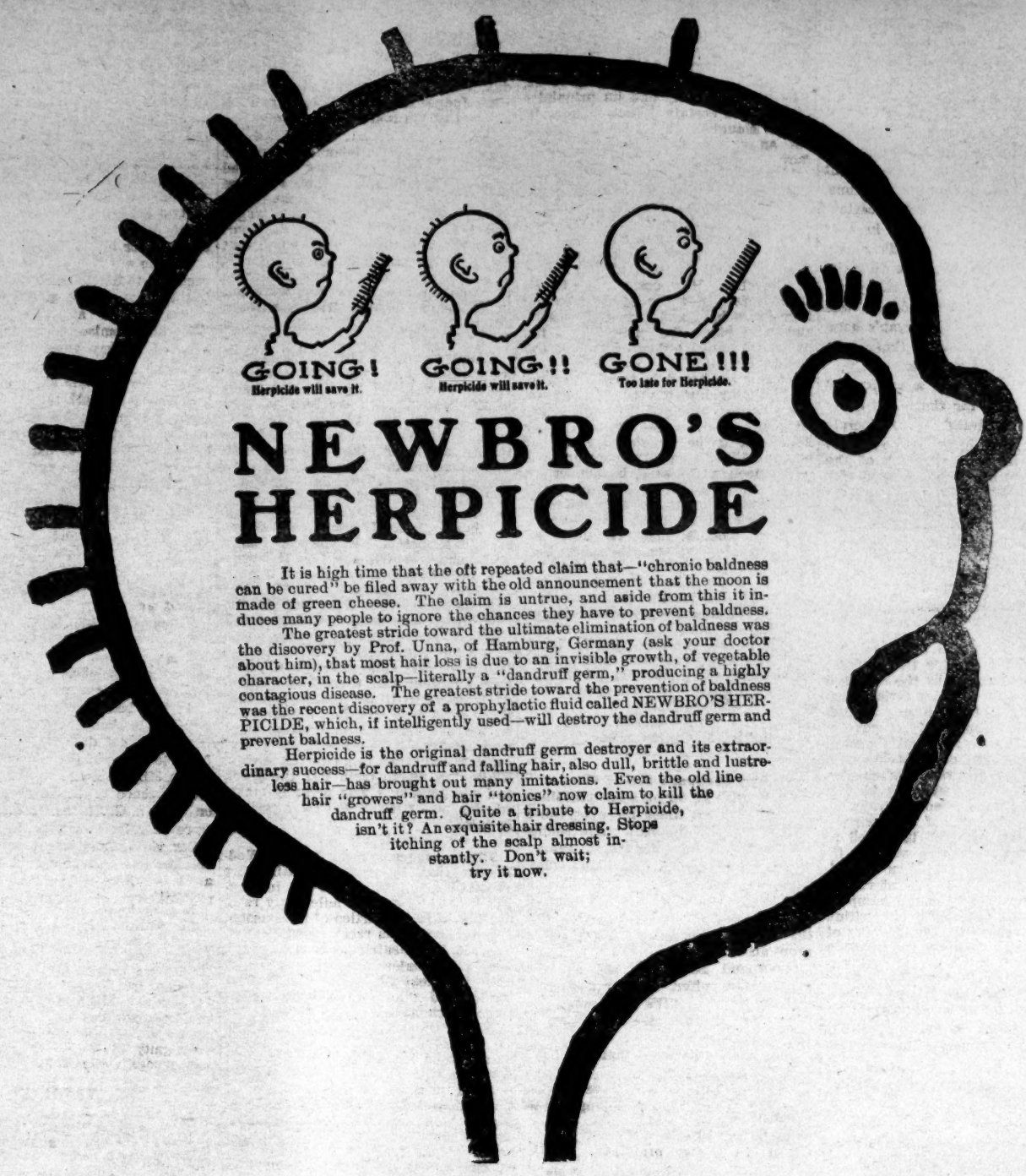

NEWBRO'S HERPICIDE

It is high time that the oft repeated claim that—"chronic baldness can be cured" be filed away with the old announcement that the moon is made of green cheese. The claim is untrue, and aside from this it induces many people to ignore the chances they have to prevent baldness.

The greatest stride toward the ultimate elimination of baldness was the discovery by Prof. Unna, of Hamburg, Germany (ask your doctor about him), that most hair loss is due to an invisible growth, of vegetable character, in the scalp—literally a "dandruff germ," producing a highly contagious disease. The greatest stride toward the prevention of baldness was the recent discovery of a prophylactic fluid called NEWBRO'S HERPICIDE, which, if intelligently used—will destroy the dandruff germ and prevent baldness.

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The country mind sometimes works slowly, although with an enviable weight and accuracy, but the country mode of expression is usually to the point. Even its pauses serve their turn. They are always of rhetorical value. An old fisherman sat by the sea wall skinning eels which were that forenoon to be packed in ice and sent to a city market. A young woman, a visitor in town, stood by watching the unusual occupation and quite fascinated by the ease and dexterity with which it was carried on. At length she felt the necessity of "making talk."

"What do you get for eels?" she asked.

"Nothin'," returned the old man emphatically, stripping off a skin. Then with the same precision and lightning-like haste he "peeled" another and another, leaving his visitor to wonder at the eccentricity which prompted him to take so much trouble unrewarded. It was only after she had given up the question as a bad job that he calmly finished his sentence—"to what I'd ought to."

Possible Population of the Earth.

By the best reckoning the earth's population for some two centuries or so has been increased at the rate of about a million a year. From now on, on account of improved material conditions and the diminution of the slaughter consequent to war, the increase bids fair to be much greater. It has recently been estimated that the earth under present conditions might be able to support a number treble that of its present population — that is, about 4,500,000,000—four thousand five hundred millions. By means of scientific appliances and the reclamation of arid and swamp lands it has been calculated that the figure given might be doubled or ever trebled, giving ten or possibly fifteen thousand millions as the ultimate limit of the earth's population.—New York American.

Striking Originality.

"Your husband is not looking well tonight, Mrs. Rhymer."

"He isn't, and I'm not surprised at it."

"No? Has he been overworking himself?"

"It isn't that so much. It's his originality. Why, that man is struck by so many original ideas that his mind must be one mass of bruises."

A Better Scheme.

"That house I have taken from you," said the dissatisfied tenant, "is horribly drafty. When I am sitting in the middle of the room my hair blows all over my head. Can't you do something for the windows?"

"Don't you think, sir," replied the house agent suavely, "it would be easier and cheaper for you to get your hair cut?"—Philadelphia Inquirer.

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BRYAN NOT THE MAN

If Nominated He Will Be Defeated and Will Disintegrate the Party in the South Says Mr. Bellamy.

(News and Observer)

To the Editor:—In a communication from your Washington corespondent recently published in your columns, a statement was made that certain prominent Democrats were in that city for the purpose of dissuading Hon. W. J. Bryan from accepting the Democratic nomination for the presidency—and the inference drawn was that no one opposed Mr. Bryan's nomination except bolters or those who were not regular Democrats.

This statement lacks a great deal of being correct; for there are many of the best and straightest Democrats in the South, who have been educated and drilled in the principles of the party and love its traditions, and who have never wavered in party loyalty, who believe it to be unwise, impolitic and the height of folly to permit the nomination to go to him. And I, claiming to be one of this class, assign the following as some of my reasons, giving them without malice to any one, but with a view to promote party harmony and to emphasize Democratic principles:

First. Mr. Bryan, in my judgment, is not a Democrat in his views of the power to be exercised by the National government over matters strictly under the control of the States according to the Jefferson theory of government. He favors National control of the employment of child labor in State factories. However much we may be in sympathy with the idea of protecting the development physically, mentally and morally of that portion of our population which is forced to labor, and however much we may favor the passage of State laws controlling it, certainly no Democrat reared in the Southern school could champion this measure. Mr. Jefferson writing from Philadelphia in 1798, speaking of the relative rights of State and Nation said. "I do not think it for the interest of the general government itself and still less for the Union at large, that the State governments should be so little respected as they have been. The enlightened statesman will endeavor to preserve the weight and influence of every part, as too much given to any member would destroy the general equilibrium."

Second. Mr. Bryan's Madison Square speech, shows that he is at heart in favor of the government ownership of railroads—a measure which would centralize power in the National government to such an extent that would endanger its perpetuity as a free government, imperialize the Republic, and deprive th citizns of a natural right to embark in a legitimate enterprise. I can conceive of no measure more socialistic and more undemocratic.

Third. Mr. Bryan advocates the right of Congress to dissolve the charter of any corporation granted by any one of the States, if such incorporation engages in a trust enterprise. Could any doctrine tend more to absorb State rights? In my opinion this is Federalism gone mad.

Fourth. Mr. Bryan favors what is called the initiative and referendum; and advocates its incorporation into our State and National governments, especially the latter; this is oposed to the American theory of government as embodied in the constitution and which makes our government a constitutional Republic! a government formed in a spirit of compromise, protecting the small States in their sovereign reserved rights from the numerical superiority of the larger States. As expressed so well in an editorial of the Washington Post, "Mr. Bryan publicly threatens that he would read every Democrat of the Eastern States out of the Democratic party who did not agree with him in his revolutionary proposition to adopt the initiative and referendum and engraft it on this big governmental establishment at Washington. Do that, and the weaker sections will be at the mercy of the stronger. A dozen of the small States would be swallowed up in the immense popular vote of two great commonwalths like New York and Illinois. Chicago would be equal to two or three Mississippis. Ohio would engulf both Carolinas with Florida thrown in. Philadelphia would strangle Kentucky and Tennessee. If Mr. Bryan succeeds in reading all Democrats out of the party who abominate the initiative and referendum he will make a very select party of it composed almost exclusively of himself and the State of Oklahoma."

Fifth. Mr. Bryan has been twice nominated by our party and each time defeated. Each time he has been loyally supported by ninety-nine per cent. of the Democrats of the South, and zealously and loyally supported by the straight and regular Democrats of the class of which I have always prided myself as being one. We, at least, many of us, feel that while we concede to him wonderful powers as an orator, writer and advocate of new ideas and great integrity of purpose that he lacks conservatism, and is hardly at this era a proper exponent of that democracy which so long controlled this government and made it possible to achieve its present greatness.

We cannot support him again with our whole heart, with that zeal begot of confidence. He has expressed in his public utterances sentiments which are more populistic than democratic, and which, had they been uttered before his last nomination would have estranged many of us from him who loyally and zealously supported him then.

I have always in party matters subordinated my personal views to the judgment of the majority in our conventions. I will do so again; but I feel that if he is nominated he will be defeated, and be the means of disintegrating and probably breaking up completely our party in the South. There have developed ominous signs already, which forbode danger. He has already alienated from the party many of the best Democrats of the North, and since his leadership began we have lost every Democratic State in the North. We ought not to be longer a sectional party. We would like to see New York, New Jersey and Connecticut restored to the Democratic column. It is disheartening to us, who love our party and its principles to be led to certain defeat, like lambs led to slaughter, by a leader who is not an exponent of historic democracy.

We sincerely hope for the good of our whole people, that he will check his ambition and subdue his aspirations and permit us to nominate and lend assistance in nominating a candidate who can secure the undivided support of all factions of the party, of Cleveland Democrats, of Bryan Democrats and those of us who are Democrats bred and educated as such and who place the principle of the party far above either Mr. Cleveland or Mr. Bryan.

I know the trend in North Carolina is unmistakably toward Mr. Bryan, but I believe much of it is due to the advocacy of his cause by many who believe it to be popular; yet if our people will stop and consider, and ask and reason as to what is democracy, they will pause in their course, and stop their fatuous pursuit before it is too late. I am for a united party, that will secure equal rights to all and special privileges to none; that will protect American rights internationally and maintain at home the rights of the Nation in all matters strictly National as prescribed in the constitution, and the rights of the States in all matters strictly local, so that our government shall continue as our forefathers intended it. Men of the old guard—to your posts.

Respectfully,
JOHN D. BELLAMY.
Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 21.

Why Scotland's Soil Is Thin.

An English golfer on a Scottish links hit the turf ten times for every once that he struck the ball. His caddie ventured on a sarcastic remonstrance.

"Ha' peety on auld Scotland, sir," said he. "She's suffered ower eneuch at the haunds o' yer countrymen in the past that ye sud treat her sae sair the day. Hit the ba', man, an' let the grun' alane."

"Confound Scotland!" shouted the exasperated golfer, flinging down his club in a rage. "It's just what Dr. Johnson described it—'stone, water and a little earth.'"

"Sae the docther said that, did he?" inquired the caddie.

"He did, and he was a very wise man, let me tell you," snapped the Englishman.

"I believe ye," retorted the caddie. "Nae doot the docther was a verra wise man, for there is muckle o' stane an' watter in Scotland—oor mountains an' lochs that ye come sae far tae see, an' it's a sair truth that the soil is no verra deep. Ye see, there's sic a hantle o' English bodies comes tae Scotland tae play gawf."—Glasgow Times.

Phases of the National Game.

There are two sides to almost anything, and the national game is far from being an exception. From the standpoint of the baseball enthusiast "our town has a club in the league." From the standpoint of the professional player the league has a club in each city. In the heart of the baseball patriot our club is a band of heroes, going out to conquer other cities and uphold our honor. In the mind of the man with soul so dead they are stock companies—properly financed. To the excited partisans at a game each player is an earnest contestant for his side. To the man who is from foreign parts it would be an important fact that they are hired men, employees with salaries set by companies that all belong to the same corporation, and that they get their pay for playing and not for winning. To the public it is a game. To the president of the company it may be a good or bad "performance."—Century.

Women and Cards.

It seems that the passion for card playing among Jewish women is not of recent date. More than a century ago Miss Rebecca Franks wrote:

"The ladies of Philadelphia have more cleverness in the turn of an eye than those of New York have in their whole composition. With what ease have I seen a Chew, a Penn, an Oswald or an Allen and a thousand others entertain a large circle of both sexes, the conversation without the aid of cards never flagging nor seeming in the least strained or stupid. Here in New York you enter a room with a formal set courtesy, and after the how-dos things are finished. All is dead calm until the cards are introduced, when you see pleasure dancing in the eyes of all the matrons, and they seem to gain new life."—Hebrew Standard.

How Sleep Is Caused.

Just how sleep is brought about is one of the unsolved problems that have been before science since the earliest times. There are three general explanations of sleep. They are called the circulatory, the chemical and the histological theories. The first two have subdivisions. The histological theory is now pretty well accepted. The nervous system is made up of thousands of nerve cells. These are connected like a huge net by nerve elements, little branching fibers. Each nerve element is structurally interdependent, but functionally dependent. Neurologists tell us that the fibers become disconnected in sleep—that is, each nerve cell is separated from its neighbors by the elements, or connecting fibers, becoming disconnected. The nerve cells build up themselves while separated, as they have no messages from the body to bear to the brain. As the sleeper regains consciousness the nerve fibers unite and once more begin their duties.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

By Rail and Water

Chief Executive Official W. A. Garrett, of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, who returned to Norfolk Tuesday, emphatically denies the report that Judge Leigh R. Watts, general counsel of the road, is to retire.

Twenty-six negro laborers known as the "bull gang," wrecking crew and "back yard" men, at the Florence shops of the Atlantic Coast Line struck last week because their wages had been reduced one cent an hour. They threw down their tools and quit the premises, refusing even to treat with the officials who sent for them for a conference. New men were put in the place of the strikers without delay.

There was local interest in the announcement the past week that Mr. DeLos Thomas, division freight agent of the Norfolk and Western at Winston, for the past twelve years, had been promoted to assistant general freight agent of the system with hea dquarters in Roanoke. He will manage three freight lines operated by the Norfolk and Western as follows: Great Southern Dispatch, Southern States Dispatch, and Shenandoah Dispatch. Mr. Thomas' family will remain in Winston for the present, but will join hi min Roanoke later.

A dispatch from Pittsburg of the past week says that the hurried dispatch of a special train to the scene of the Saturday morning wreck on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad at Salisbury Junction near there was explained later when it became known that there were over a million dollars cash on board the train. As soon as word was received of the wreck every precaution was taken to guard the money. While the whole train left the track and one passenger was severely mashed, the monev was found later perfectly intact.

The announcement in Atlanta Wednesday that the Seaboard Air Line effective April 1st, would put into effect a flat two cents a mile party rate, applicable to all parties of ten passengers or more, was received with much interest in theatrical circles. This means that unless the rate is rescinded before next season, theatrical companies and other traveling organizations which have suffered severely because of the refusal of the railroads to sell party tickets since the recent anti-railroad legislation in the various Southern States, will again enjoy a reduced passenger rate. Many of these organizations have during the past season cancelled their southern engagements because of inability to get a cut passenger rate, while in other cases the companies have been compelled to disband.

A dispatch from Roanoke, Va., says that as a result of a recent meeting of the Norfolk and Western officials with contractors in that city last week, it was decided that the construction on the Pocahontas division of the road will be pushed to completion this year. This includes the extension of the line and the double tracking. It further means an output of about two million dollars on the part of the road and the employment of thousands of men, many of whom are now in Roanoke and in need of employment. It is probable, the dispatch says, that since the work upon these divisions of the road must some time be completed, the company sees an opportunity to have it done at the least possible cost while so many men are in need of employment, labor being a comparatively small item.

It is announced in Baltimore that the receivers of the Seaboard Air Line have been directed to pay the interest, due the first of March, on the extended three-year, five per cent. bonds of the company. This decision was reached at a meeting held in Richmond last Monday. The Baltimore Sun says that the announcement caused some relief in financial circles and especially to the holders of the bonds. There had been some doubt about this interest payment, as no intimation of the policy of the receivers or the court toward the bondholders was hinted until this positive action was taken. Mr. Warfield, said that this interest will be paid and that the court has passed an order to this effect. This issue of bonds amounts to $4,664,000, and a large block of them are held in Baltimore. The statement that the interest will be paid is regarded as a favorable development in connection with the affairs of the Seaboard.

T. A. Gregg, of Roanoke, was in Richmond before the Virginia Legislature last Thursday as general chairman of the Southern Association of Railroad Conductors and Trainmen. He brought with him a resolution passed by the different orders representing about 25,000 men, urging legislative bodies to be conservative in enacting laws which may work a hardship upon the railway interests. He said that the Norfolk and Western had laid off a large number of employes as a result of the financial depression and that the railroad business generally was in a state of uneasiness and unrest. He denied that he was before the Assembly of Virginia in behalf of any particular road, stating that he was not officially connected with any line except as a representative of the interests of the employes on many Southern roads and as such he was endeavering to prevent any action which would further damage the interests of the railway employes. "Laws which work a hardship on common carriers or force them to a compliance with the views of certain classes must necessarily militate against the working men who depend on the railroads for their support, said Mr. Gregg.

A Higher Health Level.

"I have reached a higher health level since I began using Dr. King's New Life Pills," writes Jacob Springer, of West Franklin, Maine. "They keep my stomach, liver and bowels working just right." If these pills disappoint you on trial, money will be refunded at R. R. Bellamy's drug store. 25c.

A Realistic Introspective Tale.

Miriam Swift stood between the lace curtains looking out on the falling snow. Donald Forsythe was coming that evening to propose to her. He had not said this in so many words, but he had been attentive to her for a long while and had said, "This evening I shall call to ask you a very important question." There was but one of two explanations to the announcement—either he intended to propose marriage or he was a fool.

Was he a fool? It had never before occurred to her to ask such a question, but Miriam was a girl who followed things out to a logical conclusion. Were her premises correctly laid? She doubted if they were. Might he not call, ask a very important question other than the one she supposed and yet not be a fool? What would constitute a fool in his case? That he was honorable she did not doubt. Could an honorable man be attentive to a girl and make such a statement as he had made, leading her to suppose that he intended to propose to her, yet not meaning anything of the kind, without being a fool?

After all, what is a fool?

Meanwhile Donald Forsythe was putting his sleeve buttons in cuffs fresh from the laundry. They had been polished, not washed. Either the dirt had been driven in or varnished over, for it did not appear. The cuffs were as white as snowflakes.

He, like Miriam, was thinking.

He had been graduated at two universities in America and three in Europe. He had delivered a lecture before the ladies of the Woman's club, of which Miriam Swift was secretary, on the influence of Egyptian inscriptions on certain Greek roots. His thoughts were therefore on a plane with hers. What view would she take of his announcement that he would call to ask a very important question? He was putting on a sock when the proposition occurred to him and, seeing a hole in the heel, was diverted for a moment to a different train of thought—an unholy train. But Forsythe was a man to finish one subject before entering fixedly on another. His brain saw things as through an inverted telescope, in groups rather than as parts of groups.

Would Miriam expect from the conditions under which his announcement was made that his question would embody a proposition of marriage? Was it not possible that a man, even if he had been attentive to a girl, might make such an announcement and not mean that he intended to ask her to be his wife? He thought of many questions that would not in any way refer to love or marriage. Therefore, if Miriam expected that he would call for the purpose of making a proposal, would she not be a fool?

His meditations were again diverted temporarily at the discovery that there was an ink stain on the bosom of his shirt. He was obliged to change the shirt, after which he resumed his train of thought—this while he was putting a bit of polish on his boots.

Would the question as to Miriam—should she assume that he intended to ask her to be his wife—be affected by his intention? That is, if she assumed it and he did not so intend, would she be any more of a fool than she would be if he did so intend? He divided the supposition into five heads and was disposing of them consecutively when—he didn't hear the clock strike in the neighboring church tower, for there was neither clock nor tower near—he looked at his watch and saw that it was twenty-two minutes past 8. He hastily finished his toilet and, boarding a trolley car, soon found himself at Miriam's home.

Miriam as soon as she heard the ring of the doorbell snatched a book on psychology from the library and, hurriedly seating herself by a table, under a light with a rose colored shade, had only time to open the book when her lover entered. She could not look up from it, for she had not had time to look down at it. She looked at Donald, a sweet smile hovering about her lips.

"Don't rise," said Donald as she made a move to do so. He seated himself in a blue damask and gold chair. Miriam, who had a pronounced taste for contrasting colors, had placed it in position for him, since he was a blond. Then he opened the conversation.

"This new theory from Germany," he said, "has upset all our psychological platforms."

Miriam, who was expecting the all important question, had cast down her eyes and seen that the book in her lap was upside down.

His words, under the circumstances, were unfortunate. Were they satirical? He saw color rising in her face and hastened to correct the contretemps.

"I told you," he said, "when I saw you last that I would call tonight to ask a very important question."

She bent her head over the book. She did not turn the volume right side up. Was she distrait, or did she hope that he might not have seen that it was inverted?

"I wish you would tell me," he continued, "whether, according to the doctrine of categorical syllogisms, it can be proved that a woman who assumes that a man loves her before he has explicitly told her so is a fool."

There was a long pause, while Miriam's bosom heaved in sudden swells at wide intervals. Then her answer came:

"That question I am not at the moment prepared to answer. But I will say this: A man who will lead a woman to think that he is about to propose to her when he is not is not only a fool, but a knave."

She arose and, humming a favorite air, sauntered out of the room.

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In Society

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Thomas, Mrs. Robert Strange, Mrs. W. A. Dick, Mrs. Jessie Kenan Wise, Mrs. Clayton Giles, Jr., and Misses Hannah Bolles, and Sue McQueen assisted in entertaining the guests.

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The host of friends of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Steele are glad to learn that they are in the city on a short visit.

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The many friends of Mr. Earl St. John were pleased to see him in the city during the past week, where he is spending a few days.

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Miss Jessie Crosswell, of Fayetteville, N. C., arrived on Friday to visit Miss Atha Hicks, where she is being cordially welcomed by her many friends in this city.

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After a pleasant visit to relatives in Fayetteville, and Manchester, N. C., Miss Fannie Murchison returned on Friday last to her home, much to the delight of her numerous friends.

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The numerous friends of Miss Sue Baldwin, of Baltimore, Md., will be glad to learn that she is expected to arrive on Monday to visit her sister, Mrs. John A. Arringdale.

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Invitations have been issued by Miss Mary Lucas Cantwell to a number of her friends for Monday evening of the coming week, about forty guests being invited. It will be given complimentary to Dr. and Mrs. Thos. Steele, and Miss McIlwaine, and Miss Cantwell's friends are looking forward with much pleasure to this event.

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On Thursday night Miss Atha Hicks was the hostess of a small Bridge Party, at which there were three tables. Those who were present were Miss Bettie Wright, of Butler, Pa., Miss Avney, of Charleston, W. Va., Miss Jule Hopkins, of St. Augustine, Fla., and Misses Annie Hill Holmes, and Amoret Lord, and Messrs. Rob Cantwell, Frank Holloway, Ed Holmes, Norwood Huske, Dick Dunn, Glen Kenly.

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One of the pleasantest card parties of the week, which was chiefly marked by its informality, was the one given by Miss Isabel Smallbones, on Friday morning, Miss Madge Johnson, of Rock Hill, S. C., being the guest of honor. Those who were present were Misses Madge Johnson, Agnes McQueen, May Ella Moore, Florence Kidder, Alice Davis, Marguerite Holladay, Virginia Bailey, Atha Hicks, Helen Strange, Isabel Rountree, Alice Wright, Bessie Bolles, Alice LeGrand.

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A very pretty reception was that given on Friday evening by Miss Nellie Durham, complimentary to Miss McIlwaine and Miss Jule Hopkins. The house was tastefully decorated for the occasion, the color scheme being pink and white. Miss Durham was assisted in receiving her guests by the guests of honor, Misses Hopkins and McIlwain and also by Miss Maria Maffitt. It was one of the prettiest receptions of the season, and was greatly enjoyed by all those who were present.

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Quite a large crowd gathered at the Cape Fear Golf Club yesterday afternoon to witness or to take part in the tournament which was played, a very handsome cup having been offered by Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones. After the tournament, light refreshments were served in the Club House. As the Spring weather approaches, the Club becomes more and more popular, and large numbers of the members constantly avail themselves of the opportunity of walking among the pine needles and indulging in golf and tennis.

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Miss Virginia Bailey entertained a number of her friends on Saturday evening, complimentary to Miss Madge Johnson, of Rock Hill, S. C., at a Bridge Party, at which there were four tables. Miss Bailey's guests were Misses Johnson, Agnes McQueen, Jule Hopkins, Atha Hicks Marguerite Holladay, Amoret Lord, Miss McIlwain, of Petersburg, Va., and Miss Jessie Crosswell, of Fayetteville, N. C., and Messrs. Rob James, Preston Wilkes, Walter Storm, Preston Cumming, Norwood Huske, Emmet Crow, Platt Davis, and Mr. Gittings, and Mr. Ridgely.

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The first Sound Party of the season was that given by Miss Martha Williams, on Thursday last. The party assembled about 9:30 o'clock and repaired to the attractive Williams home on Masonboro Sound, where during the morning they were served an old time oyster roast, for which our Sounds are so famous. About three o'clock a delicious luncheon was served and all of the guests spent a most delightful day. Those who partook of Miss Williams' hospitality were Mrs. Wise, Mrs. Gouverneur, Mrs. W. A. Dick, Mrs. Donald MacRae, Mrs. T. C. DeRosset, Mrs. E. W. Willson, Mrs. George Thomas, Mrs. Chas. Grainger, Mrs. J. Victor Grainger, Mrs. Theodore Marburg, Mrs. Clayton Giles, Mrs. Clayton Giles, Jr., Mrs. J. W. Murchison, Mrs. W. L. Smith, Mrs. Sands, Mrs. Rolles, Mrs. Duncan Williams, Mrs. F. A. Lord, Mrs. Annie DeR. Harris, and Misses Sarah Kenan, Sue McQueen, Lizzie Peck, Lucile Murchison, Laura Mitchell, Elliotte Emerson, Carrie Myers, Annie Blount DeRosset Nannie Holladay, Marguerite Holaday.

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A very delightful Tea was given by the Parish Guild of St. John's Church, at the residence of Mrs. George S. LeGrand, on Wednesday afternoon. Miss Francis Hedrick contributed largely to the pleasure of the guests by a charming recital in which line she has displayed such remarkable talent, after which the guests were delighted by solos sung by Mrs. John Longfellow, Mrs. John Beckwith, Miss Barker and Mr. J. Wesley White. Following these solos was a mixed quartette, composed of Mrs. James D. Smith, Mrs. Longfellow, Mr. Brooke French and Mr. J. Wesley White, and a quartette of ladies composed of Mrs. Longfellow, Mrs. James D. Smith, Miss Muse and Miss Adrian, Mrs. W. C. Munds accompanying on the piano. Mrs. A. M. Waddell also rendered a beautiful piano solo. Mr. Henry Angel contributed greatly to the pleasure of the evening in the recitation of his "Negro Sermons" for which he has acquired no little local fame. The Tea was voted a great success by all those who were fortunate enough to attend.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Announcements by Wilmington Pastors for Pulpits Today.

First Church of Christ, Scientist Carolina Place: Services at 11 A. M. and 8:15 P. M. Subject of lesson sermon "Christ Jesus". All are invited.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, corner of Sixth and Market streets, Rev. W. A. Snyder, pastor. Quinquagesima Sunday. English service 11 A. M. Sermon by the Rev. G. H. Cox, D. D. No Vesper service. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. Reception of the Young Men's Christian Association Monday at 8:15 P. M. Ash Wednesday service 4 P. M. (Memorial Building. A cordial invitation is extended to the general public to participate in these services.

St. John's Church: 11 A. M., Litany and Holy Communion. Sunday School at 4 P. M. 5 P. M. Evening prayer, short address. W. E. Cox, Rector. Strangers cordially invited.

Church of the Good Shepherd, corner Sixth and Queen streets: Morning prayer and sermon at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. Evening Prayer and sermon at 7:30 P. M. Seats free; strangers cordially invited to attend. Rev. Thos. P. Noe, rector.

Advent Christian Church, Sixth and Church streets, Elder J. T. Johnson, pastor, residence 610 South Second street: The order of services for Sunday will be as follows: Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Communion at close of evening service. Ladies' Aid Society Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the church. Willing Workers' Society following at 4 o'clock. Sunday School on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, W. J. Reaves, superintendent, H. G. Sanders, secretary. Prayer meeting at the church Tuesday night at 7:30. Cottage prayer meeting Friday night at the home of Brother Miller, No. 621 South Second street. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody to all these meetings. The choir is rendering excellent music.

Trinity M. E. Church South, corner Ninth and Market streets, Rev. W. L. Rexford, pastor; Preaching today at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 3 P. M. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 8 P. M. To all these services the public is cordially invited.

Bladen Street M. E. Church, Rev. W. E. Hocutt, pastor: Services today at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. A cordial invitation to all to attend the services.

St. Paul's Episcopal church, corner Fourth and Orange, Rev. A. W. Seabrease, rector. Morning service 11 o'clock; Sunday School at 3:30 o'clock. Evening service at 8 o'clock.

At St. James' Church today, the services, will be at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Sunday School at 3:45 P. M. All are invited.

First Baptist Church, Rev. Fred D. Hale, pastor: Preaching today at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School 3:30 P. M. Prayer and praise worship Wednesday at 8 P. M. B. Y. P. U. Friday at 8 P. M.

Fifth Street M. E. Church South, Rev. Kenneth D. Holmes, pastor: At 11 A. M. Miss Daisy Davies representing the W. F. M. Society of the M. E. Church South will deliver an address in the interest of the young people's missionary movement. At 8 P. M. the pastor will preach the annual sermon for the Pythian lodges of the city. Special music at both services. Sunday School 3 P. M. R. V. Leonard, superintendent. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8 P. M. Public cordially invited.

Southside Baptist Church, corner of Fifth and Wooster streets, Rev. G. A. Martin, pastor. Preaching today by the pastor from the following subjects: 11 A. M. "Restoring a Broken Image," 7:30 P. M. "Parting Company With God." The Sunday School has an enrollment of nearly four hundred and great good is done in this department. 3 P. M. is the hour when you can find this great school at work. Large congregations attend all of these services. A cordial welcome to all.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran Church, North Fourth street: Sunday School at 10 A. M. Morning sermon and Holy Communion at 11 A. M. by the pastor Rev. George S. Bearden. Installation service at 7:30 P. M., conducted by Rev. George H. Cox, D. D., of Granite Quarry, N. C., president of the North Carolina Synod and Rev. W. A. Snyder, of this city. Prayer service Thursday at 8 P. M. The public is cordially invited to all services.

Grace M. E. Church, Rev. T. A. Smoot, pastor: Communion service at 11 this morning conducted by the pastor. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. At 8 P. M. Miss Daisy Davies will speak. Public cordially invited.

Rank Foolishness.

"When attacked by a cough or a cold, or when your throat is sore, it is rank foolishness to take any other medicine than Dr. King's New Discovery," says C. O. Eldridge, of Empire, Ga. "I have used New Discovery seven years and I know it is the best remedy on earth for coughs and colds, croup and all throat and lung troubles. My children are subject to croup, but New Discovery quickly cures every attack." Known the world over as the King of throat and lung remedies. Sold under guarantee at R. R. Bellamy's drug store 50c. and $1.00. Trial bottle free.

—Nr. Nix—I don't believe a word of your story. Weary—Well, that part about my bein' out of work for nine years is as true as gospel!—Philadelphia Inquirer.

—"Is you husband averse to taking the initiative in any energetic action?" "No, sir, he ain't nothin' o' the kind. He's jest plain down lazy."—Baltimore American.

Fresh Air.

A stroll on the beach in the invigorating fresh air puts new life into one.

WEEK AT LUMBERTON

Robeson Teachers' Association in Session—Prohibition Develops Peculiar Situations—News and Personal Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Lumberton, Feb. 29.—The Robeson County Teachers' Association is in session here today, the exercises being held in the opera house. Among those scheduled for addresses are Supt. R. E. Sentelle, of the Lumberton graded school; Maj. J. J. Henderson of the N. C. Military school at Red Springs; Prof. E. D. Sumers, of Raeford and Prof. Harllee McCall, of the Philadelphus school.

The railroad yard is a busy place here these days. To give some idea of what is being done in the way of freights between 90 and 100 loaded cars were handled in one day during the week. Of course, a large number of these cars were loaded with fertilizers. There is as yet no congestion of freights, however.

The prohibition question is assuming some interesting situations in this section. It is said that a pastor of a church a few miles from Lumberton notified the members last Sunday that if they voted against prohibition they would be expelled from the church. Some of them intimate that they may do some thinking for themselves. Another minister declares he is opposed to the measure and will not vote for it. He gives as his reason for not being in sympathy with the movement, the excuse that in the section where he lives prohibition does not prohibit, and that the cider and grape juice business causes more trouble than open saloons ever caused.

Little Frank, the 2 1-2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gough, has been critically ill this week, but has so far recovered as to be considered out of danger.

A Japanese minister lectured in the Methodist church here last Sunday morning and night, and has spent several days here this week.

Rev. J. M. Fleming, who has had under consideration a call to do evangelistic work in South Carolina, has decided not to accept, and will remain here. Many friends are delighted at his decision.

A charter has been granted for the Edwards-Humphrey Clothing Company, of this place, capital $10,000 by U. M. Edwards, J. D. Humphrey, R. B. Humphrey and others.

Mr. C. B Redmond, who attended the Knights of Columbus meeting in Charleston last Sunday, reports a trip of much pleasure

Notwithstanding the great amount of rain which has fallen in this section since the new year came in, we understand the farmers are well up with their work preparing for the coming season.

Editor Thompson of the Fairmont Messenger, accompanied by Mrs. Thompson, was a Lumberton visitor yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Morris went to Wilmington last night on a visit to relatives. Mr. Morris will return tomorrow, but Mrs. Morris will remain for several days.

Messrs. J. C. King, D. B. Register and Carl Cobb, of Wilmington, spent the first of the week hunting in this section and we understand had very good success.

A party of seventeen of our people went to Wilmington Thursday to witness the performance of "The Clansman," and returned well pleased.

Dr. D. W. Bulluck came up from Wilmington on the early train yesterday morning to see Dr. John D. McMillan, who is very sick, and at this writing, Saturday morning, there is no indication of any improvement. The many friends of the doctor hope for his speedy recovery.

There will be a meeting of the Cotton Growers' Association held here Monday, which it is expected will be largely attended.

Preferred to Die.

"Sir," said the tramp, "I have not tasted food for seven days. Another half an hour of fasting and I must die!"

"Then," exclaimed the philanthropist, "you shall live. Take this ticket. It will admit you in my stead to a sumptuous banquet, course after course, meats, wines and dessert—a feast three hours long, glorious company—Mr. Talkforhours, Mr. Toofew, Mr. Longyarn and other eminent men."

"Will there be any after dinner speeches?" asked the starving one.

"Columns of 'em," said the philanthropist.

Then the tramp handed back the ticket and crawled wearily away into a silent timber yard to die.—London Globe.

Must Have Loved Him.

Many stories have been told of a Manchester man who is supposed to be the—well, to put it humanely—plainest man in England. But we think the following is the funniest:

"Mamma," a child was heard to say in an awestruck whisper after a prolonged survey of the peculiar features of the guest, "that gentleman's mamma must have loved children very, very much."

"Why so, my dear?" inquired the unsuspecting parent.

"Oh," returned the child in the same audible whisper, "'cause she brought him up."—Strand Magazine.

The Great Danger.

"What do you consider the chief danger of wealth?" asked the solemn man.

"That the other fellow will have it," responded a hearer inclined to flippancy.—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Preventive.

A girl is rarely deaf to a man's proposal when a diamond ring accompanies it—at least, not stone deaf.—Life.

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ONE MILE To the next mile post
THE RETURN OF JAKKIE HORNER TO HIS OWN FAVORITE CORNER WAS CERTAINLY A BEAUTY TREAT. FOR UPON HIS CHUBBY FEET IN TASTE DIVINE AND SWEET HE WORE BUSTER BROWN BLUE RIBBON SHOES SO NEAT.
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SALE OF JUDGMENT.

Pursuant to an order to me directed, issued by the Court in the case of the Union Trust Company et al vs. the Southern Saw Mills and Lumber Company et al, I will sell at public sale at the United States court room, at Wilmington, North Carolina, at public auction, for cash, on Monday, March 2nd, 1908, at 12 o'clock M., all the right, title and interest in a certain Judgment entered in said cause against W. J. Edwards on the 18th day of January 1908, to the highest bidder. No bid will be received for less than $400.00. Further particulars may be obtained from the undersigned.

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at the close of business February 14th, 1908.

(Condensed from report to North Carolina Corporation Commission.)

ASSETS.

Loans and Discounts	$1,296,103.80
Real Estate	55,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures, charged off to	1 00
Cash on hand and due from Banks	141,806 45
	$1,492,911 25

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock	$ 100,000 00
Earned Profits, less taxes and epenses paid	118,927 21
Deposits	1,273,984 04
	$1,492,911 25

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Sunday, March 1, 1908.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.
Sunday, March 1, 1908.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., Saturday, February 29th:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 42 degrees; 8 P. M. 53 degrees; maximum 60 degrees; minimum 37 degrees; mean 48 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, trace; rainfall for the month 5.88.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville Saturday at 8 A. M. 12 feet.

For North Carolina—Local rains Sunday and probably Monday, light to fresh northeast to east winds.

Port Calendar—March 1.

Sun Rises	6.34 A. M.
Sun Sets	5:55 P. M.
Day's Length	11 hrs. 21 min.
Hight water at Southport	7:22 P. M.
High water at Wilmington	9:52 P. M.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—The many friends of Capt. C. D. Maffitt were delighted to see him out yesterday after an illness of a week

—Mr. and Mrs. Ransey Weathersby left yesterday afternoon for Augusta, Ga., to spend some time with relatives.

—Rev. Joseph P. King, formerly of this city, but now of Jacksonville, Fla., is in the city to spend a few days.

—Mr. W. J. Meredith and daughter Miss Katie Lou, went to Whiteville yesterday to spend a few days with Mr. Meredith's daughter, Mrs. T. S. Memory.

—Rev. Fred D. Hale, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist Church, returned yesterday from Florida where he has been recuperating his health. He will occupy his pulpit at the usual hours today, being cordially welcomed by his congregation.

—Col. Tom Clawson, of the Clawson Gold Mining Company, arrived yesterday afternoon to spend a few days at his old home here. Col. Clawson is delighted with his prospect for the development of a fine property near Fort Mill, S. C., and is already installing machinery at the mine. As noted several days ago a stock company has been organized to develop the property.

—Mr. Allie J. Mitchell, chief clerk to the General Manager of the Atlantic Coast Line, left yesterday afternoon for a trip of a week or ten days through Florida, including a stay of some days in Havana, Cuba. He has planned a delightful itinerary and his many friends hope that his visit will be both interesting and improving to his health, which has been none the best for some time.

DEWEY CAN'T COME.

Admiral Writes Peace Society His Regrets to Invitation.

Mr. Thos. H. Wright, secretary and treasurer of the North Carolina Peace Society, has received the letter printed below from Admiral George Dewey, this being in response to an invitation to attend the Peace Congress to be held either at Wilmington or some other city in North Carolina. President Hayne Davis is now visiting Raleigh and before returning will visit at the principal cities throughout the State, ascertaining the most desirable place to hold the convention. The Wilmington branch of the Society hopes that Wilmington will be selected as the place of entertaining the party of distinguished people of the State and Nation who will attend this conference. The letter from Admiral Dewey is as follows:

"Navy Department. Office of the Admiral of the Navy, Washington, D. C.

"My Dear Sir: Please accept my thanks for your letter of the 25th inst. in behalf of the North Carolina Peace Society, requesting my attendance at its meeting next May or June.

"As the time is so far off I cannot now say whether it will be possible for me to attend.

"I can at present only signify my willingness that you use my name as an Honorary President of your society, which I do heartily. With best wishes, I remain,

"Very truly yours,

"(Signed) GEORGE DEWEY.

"Mr. Thomas H. Wright, Secretary and Treasurer The North Carolina Peace Society, Wilmington, N. C."

THEIR INFANT DEAD

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. R. Davis Bereaved Yesterday—Funeral.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R Davis will deeply sympathize with them in the death of their little daughter, Gracie Odell, aged 10 months, which occurred at the family residence, No. 217 South Sixth street, yesterday morning at 5 o'clock. The little one had been sick for some time and while the death was not unexpected, it came as a sad blow to the devoted parents and other members of the family, who have the tenderest sympathy of many friends. The funeral will be conducted at 4 o'clock this afternoon from the family residence by the Rev. Kenneth D. Holmes, pastor of Fifth Street M. E. Church, and the interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

Goes With Richmond House.

Mr. Ike C. Loftin, a popular young Wilmingtonian the past three years with George R. French & Son, leaves this evening for Richmond, Va., where he will take a position with the large and well known firm of the Wingo Ellett & Crump Shoe Company. His territory will be Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee. Mr. Loftin is a young man of energy and ability, splendid address, and will without a doubt make a fine success with his new connection. Wilmington regrets to give him up but his many friends hope his new relation will be pleasant and profitable.

Mischief lovers are mischief makers.

MATCH WON BY RYAN

(Continued from first page.)

by Ryan's superior weight and Ladue's exhaustion from aggressive tactics the first five minutes of the bout.

While the match was won two straights by Ryan and in comparatively short time, the termination in this wise was the surest indication that there was no fake and that Ryan went to work on the visiting champion with all his might, winning even at the sacrifice of attendance upon future matches upon which Ryan is depending, so long as he makes Wilmington his headquarters. It was gratifying to see the result as it was, viewed from the standpoint of clean sport and the usual disposition on the part of the public to see the best man win.

Ladue for the present is making his headquarters at Charleston, S. C., and will return there this evening. By his manly and gentlemanly bearing both on and off the mat, he has made a number of friends who would even yet be pleased to see him meet Ryan again.

The Academy will offer a popular priced attraction this week and there will be no wrestling, but outside influences are now at work to get a man to meet Ryan. Among the crew of the United States Revenue Cutter Seminole, there is a grapple artist of some reputation with whom efforts have been made to arrange a meet but thus far there has been no success. A match with the cutter champion may be arranged later for Ryan, who holds out his challenge to meet any man of his class this side of the water.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The United States Revenue Cutter Seminole arrived yesterday from an uneventful cruise as far south as Charleston. She will probably be in port until the middle of the week at least.

—Mr. Robert T. Anson will sing a solo at the First Baptist Sunday School gathering at the usual hour this afternoon. Dr. Hale having returned from his trip to Florida the church services will be as usual today.

—The British steamer Pydna, Captain Fancy, arrived yesterday from New York to Heide & Co. She will receive part cargo of piling here for the Panama contracts of Mr. L. J. Merriman, proceeding later to Brunswick, Ga., to complete loading.

—Chairman D. McEachern, of the Board of County Commissioners, gives notice of a reward of $25 for evidence that will convict any person or persons of removing or burning straw placed on the roads of the county or placing broken glass on the highways.

—The Newbern Sun of Friday says: "Captain James D. McNeill, of Fayetteville, spent last night in the city in conference with some of the firemen in regard to attending the tournament in June at Wilmington. He left this morning for Goldsboro, where he will visit that department."

—By deeds filed for record yesterday the following real estate transfers appear: J. W. Scott and wife to E. F. Barlow, for $950, seven acres of land in Harnett township, adjoining property of Fred Klein, William Swann and others. I. W. King to Daniel M. Gurganus, for $100, property 30x100 feet in size, adjoining property now owned by party of second part. V. Sidbury, of Onslow county, to Chas. D. Gilbert and wife, for $1,000 property on south side of Market, 118 feet east of Second street.

MIS DAVIES TO SPEAK.

Fifth Street Church This Morning; Grace at Night.

Miss Daisy Davies will speak at Fifth Street M. E. Church this morning at 11 o'clock, and at Grace Church at 8 P. M. Of her recent visit to Greensboro, the Christian Advocate says:

"Greensboro Methodists enjoyed a great treat last Sunday in being permitted to hear Miss Daisy Davies, organizer of the Young People's Work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. She was heard four times during the day. At West Market Street at 11 A. M., at the same church at 3 P. M., before the Margaret Foster Society; at 4 P. M., before the students of Greensboro Female College, and at night in Centenary church. Great audiences listened to her burning utterances at these services and a profound impression was made."

While in the city Miss Davies will be the guest of Mrs. D. W. Bulluck, 309 No. Fourth street.

CLAWSON GOLD MINE.

One of the Big Developments Going on in the Charlotte District.

Col. T. W. Clawson, formerly of this city, but who is now developing rich ore deposits on his father's plantation near Fort Mill, S. C., is in the city to spend a week or ten days. He brought along some fine ores with him and the deposits seem from the specimens to be unusually rich. Col. Clawson says that he has had the vein running through the property cut in seven places the entire length of the area and that the veins widen as they go below water and the ores taken from them assay from $27 to $226 per ton with now and then sections from which have been mined ores worth a great deal more. The operations have reached a point where it is necessary to install machinery and only a small amount is yet lacking to equip the plant. The prospects of the property, he says, are extremely flattering.

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The Theatre

Wilmington's favorite popular price entertainers and what is said to be the South's best repertoire organization this season will be the attraction at the Academy of Music each night for the coming week, beginning tomorrow evening. The Osman Stock Company will hold the boards and as the organization has been seen here season after season, it is enough to say that it is even bigger and brighter than ever now. A society comedy "A Fool of Fortune" will be the opening bill and for this ladies will be admitted free under the usual conditions.

MISS MARGUERITE OSMAN.
With The Osman Stock ompany at the Academy All This Week.

The production will be put on here just as it was seen at the Lyric theatre in New York when produced there with such success by Nat Goodwin. Some of the other offerings for the week will be: "A dangerous Double," "Power of the Cross," "Beware of Men," 'Dora Thorne," "A Devil's Lane," "A Gambler's Sweetheart," "The Counterfeiters" and many others of equal note. The vaudeville acts will include Grin & Barrett, who were seen here last season, the battle axe jugglers, hoop rollers, roller skate buck and wing dancing and comedy jugglers, Whitson & Osman, Dave Baker, the original John Doe, Anna May, the little Dutch girl in musical acts, Roy Willis, cartoonist and illustrator, Floyd Whitson, Marguerite Osman in the latest songs and dances and others. Seats are now on sale at Plummer's at popular prices.

BAD NEGRO BOUND OVER

Ben Richardson, Charged With Drawing Pistol on Officer.

Charged in two counts with an assault with a deadly weapon, shooting indiscriminately at a rival named Grant Brown and later drawing the weapon upon Officer J. M. Lord, who was attracted by the firing and came up to arrest him at Sixth and Nixon streets about nighfall Friday, Ben Richardson, an all-round bad negro, was bound to the higher court by Mayor Springer yesterday and in default of $50 bond in each case, he was committed to jail.

Richardson came up with the negro Brown talking to a colored woman late in the evening at Sixth and Nixon and after making a threat or two about what he would do to his rival, he began firing indiscriminately several window lights having been shattered by stray bullets. Officer Lord was some distance away but ran up in time to see the negro disappearing down the street after he had put the colored population to rout. The officer pursued him when he turned round levelling his revolver straight at Mr. Lord. Mr. Lord was prepared for an emergency of the kind and had already gotten the drop on him. He commanded the negro to throw up his hands, which he did dropping his revolver on the sidewalk. Mr. Lord kept the negro covered with the weapon which he held until he was placed under arrest. Several in the vicinity of the arrest highly complimented the officer for his nerve and the prompt manner in which he met force with force.

WOMAN FAILED TO APPEAR.

Negro Charged With Attempted Criminal Assault Released.

William Kea, the negro charged with an attempted criminal assault by the white woman Mamie Brock who figured with Chas. Scherer in the sensational episode on the Wrightsville turnpike a few nights since, was discharged in Justice Furlong's court yesterday, the Brock woman having failed to show up for the preliminary trial. A deputy was sent out twice in search of the prosecuting witness but it was stated that she had disposed of her belongings here and had left for parts unknown the day before. The negro had been under a $300 bond, but he was discharged both form the bond and the charge.

Scherer was before Justice Furlong also yesterday on four charges of an assault with a deadly weapon, two on Mr. T. J. Stokley, of Cedar Grove Sound, one on the negro and one on the woman. He waived preliminary examination through his counsel Herbert McClammy, Esq., and gave $100 cash bond for his appearance at the April term of the Superior Court.

Cars to the Beach Today.

A half hour schedule will be operated on the suburban line this afternoon. If the weather is good, there will no doubt be many who, will take advantage of the opportunity to enjoy a stroll in the fresh, invigorating air at the ocean's side. The firm flat beach at Wrighsville Beach makes a much finer walk than the famous board walk at Atlantic City, and the climate at this season of the year is much finer than that of the Northern resort.

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PROGRAMME ANNOUNCED

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at 2:30 for the closing session when "The County Teachers' Association and How to Conduct It" will be discussed by Superintendent J. D Ezzell, of Harnett.

Visitors will leave on the afternoon and evening trains for their homes. All are expected to be in attendance.

REV. GEORGE H. COX HERE.

Installation Services at St. Matthew's Church—A Reception.

Rev. George H. Cox, of Granite Quarry, N. C., is in the city and is a guest at the home of Rev. George S. Bearden, on North Fourth street. Rev. Mr. Cox comes to be with Rev. W. A. Snyder for the installation of the Rev. Mr. Bearden as pastor of St. Matthew's English Lutheran Church, in this city, a notice of which appears in the pulpit announcements of Wilmington pastors today. The service promises to be quite interesting and impressive. The hour is 7:30. Rev. Mr. Cox is president of the North Carolina Synod.

Rev. Mr. Bearden and family are now comfortably housed in Wilmington and are being most cordially received by the people. On Tuesday evening from 8 to 11 o'clock St. Matthew's congregation will tender a reception in their Sunday School room to the new pastor and his family. This will be a delightful affair and all members of the congregation and members of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church are most cordially invited.

NEW PASTOR ARRIVES.

Judge Erwin, of Jacksonville, Fla., at Church of Disciples.

Judge J. A. Erwin, of Jacksonville, Fla., who recently accepted a call to the pastorate of the Tabernacle of the Church of Christ, Seventh and Orange streets, succeeding the Rev. F. L. Davis, has arrived in the city and will occupy the pulpit for the first time at the services at the usual hours today. The subject at the morning service will be, "To This End Was I Born." The evening subject will be "Christ Able to Save." Bible School will be conducted as usual at 10 A. M. The hour for the morning service is 11 A. M., at which time the Communion will be observed. The evening service is 7.30 P. M. The Y. P. S. C. E. of the congregation will meet at 6:45 P. M. Prayer meeting will be held at 7:30 Wednesday evenings. The new pastor has received a cordial welcome to the city and has impressed all with whom he has become acquainted as a man of much earnestness and power.

BUSTER BROWN EXHIBITION.

His Mother and Tige at Old Red Men's Hall on Front Street.

In an advertisement elsewhere in today's paper it is announced that Buster Brown and his only dog Tige with Buster's mother, will give a free show and reception at the Old Red Men's Hall, on South Front street, opposite Front street market house.

Buster extends a cordial invitation to all to come without money and without price and to the little folks who honor him with a visit will be given attractive souvenirs. Buster and his dog Tige are characters world famous and he received a medal at the Jamestown Exposition for being the greatest boy exploiter in the country. He and his Ma and Tige are now traveling and giving exhibitions of the Brown Shoe Company, manufacturers of the Brown Blue Ribbon Shoes of which Mr. J. W. H. Fuchs is the exclusive dealer in Wilmington.

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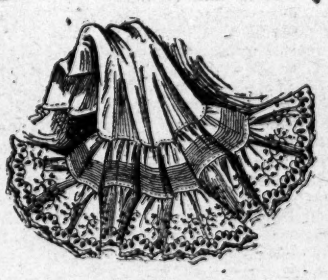

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Advertising Pays Best in The Morning Star

THE NEED OF PLAYGROUNDS.

Important Feature of Public School Training Is Neglected.

(For the Star.)

Any parent of Wilmington who commands the respect of his fellow citizens and the confidence of our excellent Superintendent, Prof. Blair, may witness an inspiring spectacle at the morning assembly of the Union or Hemenway Public schools of this city in the upturned faces of a thousand children of the people who are preparing to take our places and advance along progerssive lines toward higher ideals and nobler purposes in future development. There is something in this sea of smiling faces which stirs the better nature of our poor humanity and makes us long to be like them, for they reflect the glory of the Divine Image as they look into the face of God. We find in these admirable institutions every prerequisite for systematic and progressive development of the mind, but alas, in the multiplicity of details for work and study a more important feature of the child's development, essential to a sound mind in a sound body, is forgotten or ignored.

Does it never occur to those who plan and provide for our public school system that Play is the first instinct of a growing child? Have they ever seen in an open window of a squalid back street tenement in a despised tomato can, the pet flower of a sick child bending towards the sunlight without thinking of the yearning heart behind it to whom the pleasures of youth in the playground have been denied? If half the money spent throughout our broad land for juvenile reformatories was used in providing the means for public recreation, there would be little need of them because the idle mind, the devil's workshop, would be filled with the eager spirit of healthful play and the restless bounding boy would have no time to do wrong.

An eminent writer has said that amusement is stronger than vice and that it alone can stifle the lust for it, and that much of the vice we see around us is merely a love for pleasure gone wrong. We cannot imagine a young athlete rushing to join his base-ball team stopping at a corner grocery or a drug store to join the loafers who are smoking cigarettes and indulging the devil in profane or foul conversation. Did you ever see a boy as hard at work on his study as he was at his play? Alas that so many boys of the towns and cities, of 8 to 13 years, know so little about healthful play and exercise. They grow old before their time, their childhood is abnormal, twisted and warped, and nothing will do more to make good and useful men of them than the development of a natural love of out-door sports and physical exercise. This love of play cuts out evil associations, and influences and changes harmful thoughts and habits into normal healthy ones.

This lengthy prelude leads us to the new departure in Wilmington, the play ground feature of the Immanuel School System, introduced by Miss Savage and Miss Bonitz after their personal investigations of the work in Boston and elsewhere, resulting in the engagement of a highly recommended instructor, Miss Howard, whose coming to Wilmington has brought joy to many juvenile hearts and established a new era in the lives of Wilmington school children. Of most attractive personality, she has already won the confidence of a hundred little ones whose happiness should inspire their teachers with greater zeal in their Christ-like profession, and with the assurance of work well done. Contrast some of our contracted congested and uninviting public school yards with the tidy well-ordered play-ground at Immanuel Church which was, before its recent improvement, one of the foulest and most forbidding places in Wilmington. It is a transformation alike creditable to the Trustees who devised it and to the clever Boston teacher whom these favored children have already learned to honor and obey. Will not some public spirited citizen make glad the hearts of the children in our Public schools by the purchase and equipment of commodious playgrounds which will promote their physical leadership. It would indeed be

A GIANT STRIDE.

Sermon to Pythians.

Upon the occasion of the 44th anniversary of the order in the United States, the annual sermon to the Knights of Pythias of Wilmington, will be preached this evening at Fifth Street M. E. Church by Rev. Kenneth D. Holmes. Special seats will be reserved for the Pythians and special music will be a feature of the service. Elsewhere in today's paper will be found a notice to all the Pythian lodges in the city to assemble at their hall and attend the service in a body.

To Play Fort Caswell.

A strong basket ball team went down to Fort Caswell on the government steamer yesterday afternoon to play a team from the garrison there. The Wilmington team will return this morning.

AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

At this most popular theatre there will be another giant bill for the coming week. The management again promises something that will be sure to please everybody. The feature for the coming week will be Madame Hoffman, the lady magician, who is conceded to be Madame Herman's successor in this country, and comes to the Palace very highly recommended by both press and public, wherever she has played. They are directly off of one of the large vaudeville circuits in the North, and this is their second engagement in Southern cities. Professor Talkerton, who is a real ventriloquist, and who also comes highly recommended will no doubt prove a big drawing card. Stanton and Flame a singing, dancing and talking team, and a single blackface comedian will complete the list of new faces on the bill. The programme will close with a rip roaring one act farce comedy by the Cystal Palace Stock Company, which will turn the patrons away with a general verdict, "The best yet." **

TRAINMEN REACH AGREEMENT.

Conference With Coast Line Officials Resulted Satisfactorily.

A committee of eleven from the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen employed on the Atlantic Coast Line system from Richmond to Tampa, Fla. yesterday concluded what was given out by the trainmen to have been a very satisfactory conference with the officials of the road in this city. The delegation returned to their posts of duty yesterday evening well pleased with their conference which was largely with General Manager Royall. While the trainmen would not go into detailed statement of just what had been accomplished in the conference, it is said that the agreement as signed up does not contemplate any reduction of wages.

Other delegations who have been here the past week conferring with the Coast Line officials, according to best information obtainable, have as yet reached no agreement with the company.

THE BUCKHORN POWER.

First of It Turned on at Fayetteville Yesterday Afternoon.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Feb. 29.—At four o'clock this afternoon the first installment of Buckhorn electric power was utilized in Fayetteville, when Mr. Eugene M. Morgan, son of the late William M. Morgan, treasurer, threw the switch and set in motion the great machinery of the Holt Morgan mills and with this beginning Fayetteville goes forward to greater things.

Brotherhood of St. John's.

The young men of St. John's parish have organized a brotherhood similar to that which has been maintained in connection with St. James for a year or more. The organization took place Thursday evening at the parish house and sixteen charter members were enrolled. Officers were elected as follows: President, W. A. Dunn; vice president, W. P. Emerson; secretary, W. G. James; treasurer, J. D. Myers. The brotherhood will hold weekly meetings and members expect to derive much pleasure from these gatherings.

Y. M. C. A. Men's Meeting.

The men's meeting this afternoon under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. will be at Bladen Street M. E. Church at 5 o'clock and will be addressed by Rev. T. P. Noe, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Sixth and Queen streets. Special music will be rendered by the Bladen Street Male Quartette. The subject for the conversational Bible study class at the same hour at the Association will be "The Conversation of Jesus With Nicodemus." All men are invited to either service.

Insurance Firm Dissolved.

Official notice is given in today's paper that on and after March 1st, the partnership heretofore existing under the firm name of Dickinson & Davis, general insurance agents, will be dissolved by mutual consent, Mr. C. L. Dickinson having purchased the interest of Mr. George Davis in the business, which will be conducted in the future in his name. Mr. Davis after Monday will be connected with the insurance agency of Col. J. VanB. Metts. He is a popular and clever young insurance man and will be a valuable addition to the agency with which he will be connected.

Brooklyn Baptist Church.

Today will mark the end of the first six months of the pastorate of Rev. C. F. Whitlock, of Brooklyn Baptist Church, and it will be appropriately observed as "Rally and Reception Day." There have been about 35 additions to the church membership during these six months and Rev. Mr. Whitlock is anxious to have as full an attendance of members as possible this morning. The subject will be "The Power of Secret Prayer" and Miss Ethel Holmes will sing. All are invited.

To Be Heard Here.

Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer says: "Colonel C. W. Broadfoot, Hon. Geo. M. Rose, and Messrs. J. Sprunt Newton and R. H. Dye returned today from Whiteville, Columbus county, where they went to argue the City of Fayetteville Extension injunction case before Judge Long. After they reached Whiteville, it was found that Judge Long was too busy with the court there to hear the case, and by agreement, the case was set for next Friday, to be heard by Judge Long in Wilmington."

Aldermen Tomorrow Night.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held tomorrow night. The Board of County Commissioners will assemble in the afternoon. There are no special matters before the Aldermen, though a gasoline ordinance is threatened. It is hoped by the newspaper men and members of the former Board that the proposed regulation of the explosive will not reach the length of the first effort along this line.

New River Steamer.

The new river steamer Lisbon, recently built for Capt. Ellis Sherman at Point Caswell, will go in commission on Thursday of this week, leaving at 1:15 P. M. for Clear Run. She will have her wharf near the foot of Chesnut street and will make two trips per week on Mondays and Thursdays. She has good freight carrying capacity and should do well on the line.

Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

Notwithstanding the disappointment in securing a number of speakers expected from Washington, the Chamber of Commerce banquet Tuesday night will be a great success. One of the local speakers and one always heard with interest will be Mr. Chas. N. Evans, cashier of the Southern National Bank. He will have for his subject, "The Attitude of the Wilmington Banks in the Recent Panic."

Oyster Roasts at Lumina.

Oysters served at Lumina today. Cars every half hour in the afternoon. **

Lynchburg Not Inimical.

A special last night from Lynchburg, Va., states that the board of trade there denounces the effort to make it a party to the fight against North Carolina cities in the freight rate discrimination suit brought against the Norfolk and Western railroad. The Lynchburg Board of Trade adopted a lengthy resolution defining its position in no way inimical to North Carolina in its fight for equal freight rates.

At The Boys' Brigade.

The last of the series of Sunday afternoon meetings at the Boys' Brigade armory will be held at 5 P. M. today and on this occasion both ladies and gentlemen will be welcome. The speaker will be Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., and the soloist will be Mrs. Anne DeR. Harris. The public is cordially nvted to hear the address and the special music for the occasion.

WARM WIRELETS.

The story sent from Steubenville, Ohio, Friday to the effect that Mrs. George Campbell gave birth to five children is untrue and the Associated Press has been requested to deny the story absolutely.

The decision to call upon the brewing interests of the entire United States for a campaign to modify the prohibition laws now in the dry portions of the South was reached yesterday by the Southern Brewers Association, in annual meeting at New Orleans.

The American fleet sailed from Callao for Magdalena Bay in lower California, a territory of Mexico yesterday. Signals went up from the Connecticut, the flagship in the morning, and shortly afterward the battleships were steaming slowly out to the ocean for the long run to their next stopping place.

In an effort to secure the release of a companion who had been caught trying to steal a pistol in a pawn shop at Atlnta, Ga., last night an unknown negro shot and killed Jacob Hirsowitz, proprietor of the place and wounded a negro passer-by. The negro escaped in the crowd which immediately surrounded the place.

Fire Escape on a Steamer.

"We're used to odd questions," said the skipper of a river steamer as he stood on the wharf in the center of a crowd of querying passengers, "and when I get this bunch aboard I'll breathe easier and tell you the latest. All aboard? Very good. This is it: The other day as we left the pier and swung into the stream a woman approached with her two children. I saw I was it and waited. 'Where's the fire escape?' she demanded. 'My husband told me never to travel without finding out where the fire escape was.' I knew it would never do to tell her we had no fire escape, but I had to study a bit for an answer. Finally I pointed to the rigging ladder running up our solitary and never used mast. 'There it is,' I told her, 'and if a fire breaks out you just run up that.' She appeared quite satisfied, but I hope she'll never be aboard ship when a fire breaks out. If she is and runs up a mast there'll be trouble sure."—Philadelphia Record.

What Gives a Book World Significance?

According to a reliable estimate, the number of books published each year throughout the world is at the present time about 7,000. Most of these go into well merited oblivion. Some enjoy a temporary popularity. A very limited number are translated into several languages and become part of the permanent heritage of humanity. From the point of view of both writer and reader few questions can be of greater importance than this: What is the quality that makes a book vital, that gives it world importance? In the largest sense, it may be answered that the universal book is the book that transcends all national boundaries and appeals to universal emotions. But these emotions vary in intensity from age to age and from century to century.—Current Literature.

A Protest.

The brave ship was wallowing in the waves that threatened to engulf her at any moment. Hastily the captain ordered a box of rockets and flares brought to the rail and with his own hands ignited a number of them, in the hope that they would be seen and the passengers and crew rescued. Mid the rockets' red glare a tall, thin, austere individual found his way with difficulty to the rail and spoke to the captain.

"Captain," said he, "I must protest against this daredevilishness. We are now facing death. This is no time for a celebration."—Success Magazine.

It Depended.

English John and Pat were two friendly workmen, who were constantly tilting, each one trying to outwit the other.

"Are you good at measurement?" asked John.

"I am that," said Pat quickly.

"Then could you tell me how many shirts I could get out of a yard," asked John.

"Sure," said Pat, "it depends on whose yard you get into."

The Beginning of Football.

The first reference to what may possibly be the game of football is to be found in a proclamation of Edward II., 1314, when the people were forbidden "to hustle over large balls." The present name was first used in a statute of Edward III., 1347, when "football" in London streets was declared illegal. London Reader.

Worse Than Simple.

Wijjit—I am going to buy a place in the country and raise chickens and pigs. I will get up before day and get my appetite by working in my garden. The simple life for me. Mijjit—That is not the simple life. That's foolish.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

WHAT CAME OF RIFLE PRACTICE.

[Original.]

Colonel Fanning of the United States cavalry, in command of a district at the eastern base of the Rocky mountains, was wealthy and desired his only child, Corinne, to marry wealth. He dreaded to have her shut up with a lot of impecunious officers, fearing an affair with one of them. His fears were realized. Percy King, a light haired, blue eyed boy fresh from West Point, made the trouble. But Corinne had been brought up to understand that she must marry wealth and was prepared to sacrifice her own feelings and the lieutenant's as well. She told him that if he didn't "keep off" she would be sent east.

The principal occupations of army officers at solitary stations at that time were poker and whisky. King, not having a taste for either, on being deprived of the society of his ladylove and feeling the need of something to distract his attention, took up target practice. Nearly every morning and evening he could be seen on the shooting grounds outside the fort with a rifle, at times firing at a target and at times at objects tossed into the air by his striker. He found that he had the especial combination of muscle, nerve and eye to make a remarkable shot. He kept lengthening the distance between himself and the object fired at till he discovered that what he most needed was a longer range rifle. Then he sent east for the best that could be purchased, though it took all his spare funds to pay for it.

One day a camping party of the younger people at the fort went up into the mountains. It was a foolhardy thing to do, for the Indians had for some time shown signs of revolt. King was the only young person left behind. Instead of moping in his quarters he mounted his horse and, with his rifle, set out to try for an antelope or (up in the canyon) a goat. He took his striker with him to carry the game in case he got any. Failing to find an antelope, he went up the canyon for a goat. From an eminence he saw down on the plain a sight that appalled him—a body of Indians galloping toward the mouth of the canyon. He knew from the appearance and actions of the red men that they were on the warpath. They were not sufficiently numerous to attack the fort, but it occurred to him at once that they knew of the party in the mountains and were going for them. They were between him and the fort, and a spur of the foothills was between the fort and them.

There came a mighty resolve in King. He would make a stand in the canyon alone, while his striker rode on to the camp and warned the party.

As the striker moved on up the incline King descended till he came to a small natural fortress that commanded a stretch in the road about a quarter of a mile long and at about 800 yards distance from him. To enter upon this stretch of road one must come around a projecting rock. The young officer had brought plenty of ammunition, and his rifle could be depended upon to carry the distance. Finding a crevice in his miniature fort through which he could fire without being seen or exposed, he knelt behind it and was ready for the fight.

Suddenly an Indian shot out from behind the rock, followed at about twenty paces by two more. King's rifle cracked three times in quick succession, and the three Indians dropped. Several more who had come into view, seeing that they were ambushed, turned to retrace their steps.

Considerable time elapsed before any more redskins were seen. King judged that their next appearance would be on one or the other side of the canyon and it would be impossible for them to get above him without being seen. A party of five did attempt to climb over some fifty yards across a rock, but King picked off three of them, and the other two rolled back over the face of the rock.

He had scarcely given a gasp of relief and was darting his eyes in every direction when he saw a man just stepping out of the foliage on to a ledge from which he might look right down into the white man's redoubt. The Indian had grasped the ledge, but King's rifle cracked again, and the climber fell back. Another, apparently having approached from a different quarter, was making signs from the ledge when he, too, fell a victim to King's precision.

All this occupied more than an hour. But now King began to feel that the end was drawing near—that the Indian he had last shot had succeeded in communicating a knowledge of his weakness. He was wrong. Nearly an hour more passed before he saw indications that his enemies had been climbing to his rear and were surrounding him. Then suddenly up the canyon he heard shots, which were answered by shots.

The striker had reached the camping party, the women and children had been hidden and a messenger sent by a circuitous path to the fort. Then the men of the party, half a dozen officers and as many privates, cooks and strikers, all armed, had gone to King's support. They had encountered the Indians in his rear, but the redskins were only a few who had climbed over the rocks for observation, and they were driven back. Then the supports joined King.

The re-enforcement discouraged the Indians, though they outnumbered the white men ten to one. But fortunately they didn't know it. They withdrew suddenly, and all the party reached the fort safely.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE

—Concord, Feb. 29.—The Concord Milling Company has placed an order for a motor, which will be installed in the mill within the next few weeks, when the old steam engine will be given a rest and the mill be driven by electric current.

—Kingston Daily Free Press: So peaceful has it become in the erstwhile turbulent and rowdy "city" of Dogtown, that the mayor has doffed his judicial ermine, burned up his records and gone to Goldsboro for a little diversion. Nothing doing there to keep his mind off his business.

—Southern Pines, Feb. 28.—The dedication of the High School Building here, which was completed in January at a cost of approximately $10,000, occurred yesterday afternoon, and was attended by about 300 people, comprising besides local residents many visitors from all parts of the country.

—Durham, Feb. 29.—Mr. Benjamin Lovenstein, attorney who has made such a hard fight to save the life of Major Guthrie, colored, convicted of wife murder, has more hopes of saving his client from the gallows than at any time since he was convicted. As the matter now stands, the negro having been once respited, he is to hang on March 19.

—Littleton, Feb. 28.—Mrs. Sue Biard has instituted suit against her husband, Joe Biard, for divorce. The cause as given in the complaint is mal-treatment. Mr. S. G. Daniel is attorney for Mrs. Biard. A warrant has been issued against Joe Biard for assault upon the person of his wife with a gun. From all accounts though, he has left for parts unknown.

Durham, Feb. 28.—It is now clear that Durham Pythians, almost to a man favor the establishment of a State orphanage of this order. The matter was discussed in the East Durham lodge last week. It was discussed in the Durham lodge last night, and tonight the West Durham Pythians went on record in regard to the matter.

—Salisbury Evening Post: The milk dealers of the city, as well as the consumers have been having much trouble for the past week with thieves who steal the milk from porches. The drivers of the delivery wagons leave the milk on the porches and it is believed that in every instance the thieves know the hour of their arrival and take the milk as soon as the wagon is out of sight.

—Greensboro, Feb. 29.—Before Judge Boyd, sitting in bankruptcy, the Standard Mirror Company, Salem Excelsior Company and S. L. Alderman, creditors of the Carolina Casket Company, of Elkin, N. C., yesterday filed a petition in involuntary bankrupty against the said company. An order was signed directing the writ of subpoena to issue returnable on the 7th of March, next, and R. J. Lewellyn was appointed receiver.

—Durham, Feb. 28.—The health authorities of Durham are making arrangements for an organized fight against tuberculosis. Every inch of ground is to be contested against the terrible plague and the people are to be given a campaign of education to stamp out the ever-fatal malady. If every town in the country would inauguarte a campaign like what is now to be organized and pushed here, it would mean a great deal to stamp out the most fatal and fearful of all disases.

—Clinton, Feb. 28.—News reached town this afternoon of the escape of a negro from the convict camp of this county, Wednesday, named Jim Davis. He played off sick and Dr. Holmes went to see him, and advised the guards to keep him in the tents for a day or two. He skipped while the rest were at work. Davis was convicted at the February term of court for Sampson and sentenced to the roads for four years. He had served about three weeks.

—Asheville, Feb. 28.—Ebe Mack 18 years old, and a well known young man of this city, is at his home here tonight in a dying condition as a result of injuries sustained in a fight at a pool room late last night. Mack and another young man named Randolph Clark, fell ut over some trivial matter, when a fight started. Clark, while down with Mack pounding him, drew his knife and stabbed Mack in the side, the blade making a five-inch gash and cutting through one lung. Clark escaped and has not been captured.

—High Point, Feb. 28.—Witchcraft and superstition of the old-time negro was brought back to memory here yesterday when the strange phenomena of snow and sunshine at the same time was seen. At the dinner hour the sun was shining in all its brightness and the snow was coming down in its blinding whiteness. The old black mammy says it is a sign of the devil-a-whipping his wife and others that it was a sure sign that it would soon snow again. Anyhow it was interesting to the little folks whether there was any truth in the old adage or not.

—Raleigh, Feb. 29.—A wholesale merchant yesterday declared that the railroads had accentuated the freight rate discriminations against North Carolina since January 1st by increasing the freight charges 10 per cent, on certain commodities from Carolina towns to Norfolk. He said that the roads sought to conceal their action in raising the rate by changing the classification of certain commodities, not by making a straight raise. While the roads have reduced the rate on a few articles, the gentleman said, these are of the kind not consumed in large quantities, while on other goods, used extensively, the freight charges have been increased ten per cent.

Cars Every Half Hour.

Cars to the beach every half hour this afternoon. Oysters served at Lumina. **

IS AGAINST PROHIBITION

Capt. James D. McNeill, of Cumberland Writes His View of Bill to Be Submitted During May.

Fayetteville, N. C., Feb. 25, 1908.
Mr. Editor:

I am not a prohibitionist, I am honestly and sincerely opposed to it from moral, physical, political and financial reasons. In my opinion, based upon experience, it is the most unreasonable, impracticable and impolitic method of decreasing, checking, controlling or regulating the liquor traffic. Where it prevents a few men from buying a few drinks it compels many men to send their money out of the State and buy thousands of gallons. Where it prevents the large number of men who will have liquor of some description from getting pure and good whiskey at home legally, it forces them to buy illegally, from blind tigers and thereby makes them criminal violators of State law.

Like every citizen, I recognize the evils that accrue from the abuse of liquor and look upon the low-down bar room and cheap groggery with its debauchery with abhorance and disgust, and I am anxious to do my full share as a citizen to destroy them and their evils. They are a relic of a past age, and have no place in the industrial civilization of the present day. But simply because the system needs reformation and to have its abuses corrected, is no argument or reason why one of the most valuable remedial agents for human suffering, and also an article of almost universal human desire, and a harmless luxury to so overwhelming a majority of the human race, (for while 95 per cent. of our people use "intoxicating liquors" in some degree, not more than one or two per cent. of them are drunkards), should be outlawed by a State statute, absolutely forbidding the "sale or manufacture of intoxicating liquors" anywhere within the State. Simply because a few old soaks will get drunk, is no reason why the 99 other good citizens, like myself, who never abuse the use of liquor, should be deprived of the use for home consumption of wine, beer or other liquors, so necessary to every well-regulated household that aspires to something better than mere bread, meat and pot liquor for table and family use.

Ever since the earliest days of recorded events, humanity has demanded vinous or spiritous liquor in some shape. Wherever and whenever such a demand exists for anything, good or evil, there will be those who will supply that demand. If it cannot be done legally it will surely be done illegally. A legislature statute cannot change the morals or desires of a man any more than it can change the color of his skin, or the impulses of his heart. The man who has never taken or who does not take a drink of some kind of an intoxicant, is an exception, is a freak, a human monstrosity, and is a man in whose veins flows a substance more like ice-water than the rich, warm, generous blood of a patriotic, liberty-loving American. I am quite sure that the facts will substantiate my statement when I say that 95 men out of every 100 takes a drink of some kind of intoxicant whenever they desire. (I know that nearly all of my friends, who have been voting the prohibition ticket do so), and still not one per cent. of them are drunkards or criminals.

The wornout argument that "the man who takes a drink wil eventually fill a drunkard's grave" proves its falsity, in every phase of human life. Were there the slightest truth in this favorite prohibition argument, the world would have ceased to exist thousands of years ago.

I have taken a drink of whiskey with oGvernor Glenn and he apparently enjoyed it. I do not think it hurt him; I know it did not hurt me. I have enjoyed a drink of whiskey with ex-Gov. Aycock ,and I know of no one who can take a bigger one or carry it better than he. I have enjoyed a social drink of whiskey with Senator Simmons, and with scores of other leading and prominent men, both saints and sinners. Some of them have attained the highest distinction, and are prominent in the affairs of the State and Nation. Will any man dare assert that they all will eventually fill drunkards' graves? Will any man say that they are undesirable citizens or unworthy of the highest trusts? Does not every man and woman know, aye well know, that their nature and desires are the same today that they were a few short months ago? Does not every man know that POLITICS is the cause and only reason for their apparent change of heart, and does not every man honestly believe that, should the election in May go Democratic, and declare that the fundamental principle of Democracy, that of local self-government, shall continue to prevail in North Carolina, that they would tumble off of the band wagon faster than they climbed on, and would hastily declare that their "hearts were always with the boys anyhow?"

Now, Mr. Editor, were I a politician or had I any political aspirations, I might not have the nerve to write this communication, but being a plain, practical and fairly successful business man, whose ideas have not been contracted by narrow and local environments, and whose annual visits to the leading States and cities of this great country of ours, including prohibition Maine and Kansas, has given me opportunity to personally see the workings of all kinds of excise laws and to have also lived in a so-called prohibition town for several years and seen the utter failure of prohibition to prohibit, cannot but feel that it is my duty, as a good citizen, desiring only the best welfare of our people and my State to say to my fellowmen that before they vote for "State prohibition" and thereby attempt by statute to absolutely forbid the sale or manufacture of intoxicating liquors" anywhere in the State.to STOP and THINK.. Reason out what their vote will mean and what it will lead to. To vote whether your home town or county shall have barrooms or not, is altogether a different proposition. That is your right and is based upon the great basic principle of Democracy, and when the majority of a community decides this or any other public question, every good citizen should obey the law, but for the voters of prohibition towns and counties to say what excise or any other kind of local laws shall prevail in anti-prohibition towns and cities, is altogether subversion of the great Democratic principle of local self-government, and is as wrong, as it would be, for the anti-prohibition cities to reverse the verdict of the people in the prohibition towns, etc.

Stop and think, what the result would be in your home life if the "sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors" was absolutely forbidden and carried into literal execution. Is there a respectable physician in the State, whose services you would have, who does not prescribe and look upon liquor in some shape, as an indispensible remedy in his daily practice? Is there a household in North Carolina, where it is not, at time, a necessity? If it is outlawed, what are you going to put in its place? Is it not better to vote down this fanatical piece of populistic political nonsense, and then let the fairminded, level-headed, patriotic, common-sense manhood of the State, regardless of partisanships or "politics," get together and pass such laws as can be enforced, controlling, regulating and legalizing a traffic that always has existed and that I believe always will exist, in spite of all laws human or divine.

'Tis comparatively easy to do. I look upon drunkenness as a crime We pass laws against theft, adultery and other similar crimes; we don't prohibit them, but we punish for them. Why not treat public drunkenness the same way? It will do more for temperance in a month than prohibition ever will do. Legalize the sale of liquor, and the blind tiger must go out of business. It will also stop the use of the fearful concoction, sold by them which seems to be made of concentrated lye, soft soap, boiled shoe soles, tobacco juice and branch water, that is now filling our hospitals, sanitoriums, Keely and McKanna cures and Jails with men suffering from all sorts of delirium and crime.

Mr. Editor: There is no moral question involved in this State issue. Some of the most immoral men of my acquaintance, men who drink and debauch their home lives, pose as blatant-mouth prohibitionists. While many of our best citizens, whose lives are pure and beyond reproach are outspoken and anti-prohibitionists.

There can be no church question involved. Does not the Christian church legalize wine in its sacraments? Does it not make wine the typical symbol of the blood of its founder? Does not holy writ recommend its use for your "infirmities"? But, sir, there is a great political and public issue at stake, viz: Is it right, is it Democratic, is it in accord with the vital principles of our system of government, for one community, to regulate the local affairs of a sister community? Is it for the best interests of the public welfare, to pass laws that 4-5ths of our people will violate with impunity? or is it best to pass laws that they can and will respect?

If every voter in North Carolina will use the reason that God has given him, and solve this question for himself and not allow himself to be misled by the "short haired women and long haired men" and politicians, who are seeking selfish ends, there cannot and will not be but one result.

I well know that my motives in writing this communication will be misconstrued by some, but let me say to them, that I have no political aspirations. I have no desire to be senator, congressman, governor, secretary of State, or to hold any other political office. During the past 38 years I have built up a business that yields me a sum amply to supply every reasonable need. When radicalism, populism, fusionism and such issues have in the past menaced good government in North Carolina, I never hesitated to speak and speak plainly, and act in accordance. Exactly the same motives govern the writing of this communication.

Respectfully,
Respectfully,
JAS. D. McNEILL.

Lumina.

Oysters served at Lumina today. Cars every half hour in the afternoon. **

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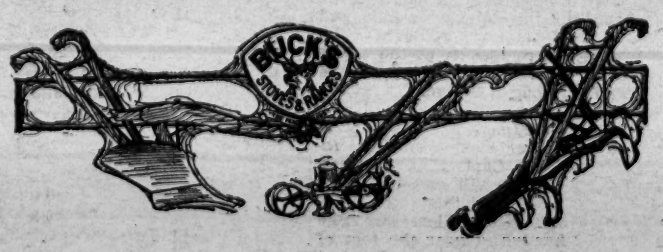

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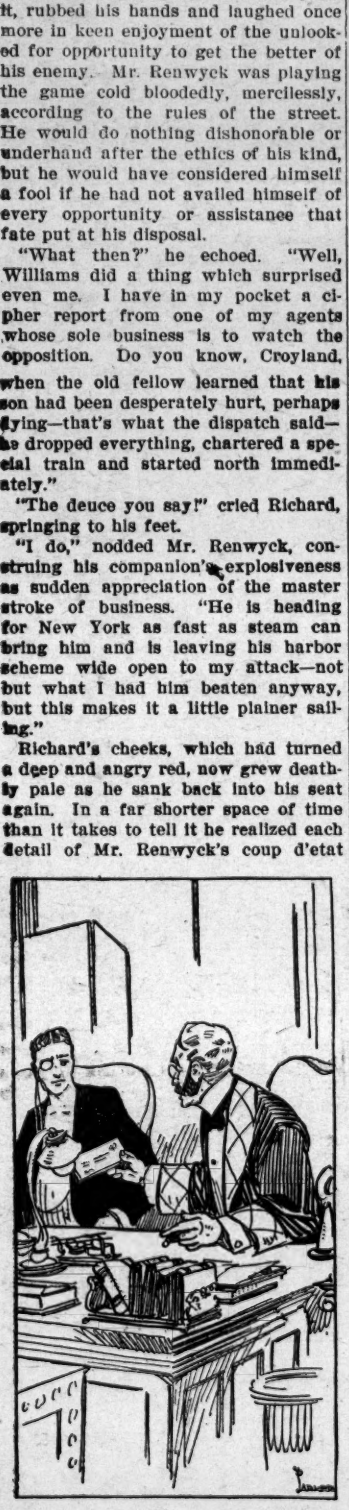
The host, who, it may be admitted, had no feeling of hesitation at turning the incident to his advantage, however much he might and did deplore it, rubbed his hands and laughed once more in keen enjoyment of the unlooked for opportunity to get the better of his enemy. Mr. Renwyck was playing the game cold bloodedly, mercilessly, according to the rules of the street. He would do nothing dishonorable or underhand after the ethics of his kind, but he would have considered himself a fool if he had not availed himself of every opportunity or assistance that fate put at his disposal.

"What then?" he echoed. "Well, Williams did a thing which surprised even me. I have in my pocket a cipher report from one of my agents whose sole business is to watch the opposition. Do you know, Croyland, when the old fellow learned that his son had been desperately hurt, perhaps dying—that's what the dispatch said—he dropped everything, chartered a special train and started north immediately."

"The deuce you say!" cried Richard, springing to his feet.

"I do," nodded Mr. Renwyck, construing his companion's explosiveness as sudden appreciation of the master stroke of business. "He is heading for New York as fast as steam can bring him and is leaving his harbor scheme wide open to my attack—not but what I had him beaten anyway, but this makes it a little plainer sailing."

Richard's cheeks, which had turned a deep and angry red, now grew deathly pale as he sank back into his seat again. In a far shorter space of time than it takes to tell it he realized each detail of Mr. Renwyck's coup d'etat



"These are foreign drafts. Draw on your bankers."

and its crushing effect upon his father's plans. Then, too, his father's grief was cutting him to the heart. It touched him to the quick; it gripped his conscience with a burning vise. He had come north on his father's business, although not primarily for this deep water harbor scheme, of which he had known little or nothing, and now he was masquerading under a false name and title for his own pleasure. He must perforce be a helpless onlooker while enemies forged a shaft out of parental love and with it pierced the heart and brought about the ruin of his dear old dad. It was unbearable, impossible, yet what could he do?

What would happen when Bill Williams arrived? He, the hapless son, seemed to be in some way responsible for the whole wretched tangle, yet honor barred him from interposing a hand to prevent the catastrophe. Seek it where he would, there seemed no loophole of escape to be found. Perhaps if he could see Mr. Corrigan he could get advice; but, no, that gentleman had already declined to help him, telling him he must brazen it out on his own account. Brazen it out? Yes, but how? Brass counted for nothing now, for Mr. Renwyck held all the cards. Reason did point to one possible course—to hedge on the winning side and save what he could for his father out of the wreck, and at this possibility the young man grasped as a drowning man reaches for a straw.

"Mr. Renwyck," he said, with a mighty effort to hide his agitation, "what you say convinces me. I have just $100,000"—his own private fortune from his mother—"in bank. I should like to place it in your enterprise."

The financier started.

"Well," he parleyed, "that is rather a larger amount than I had thought of handling for you. Still, a promise is a promise. Write me your check, Croyland, and I'll bring out your stock certificates tomorrow evening."

The name "Croyland" came to Richard like a blow between the eyes. In his intense excitement he had almost forgotten that he was another man. He could not use the earl's name for this purpose, of course, yet to sign Richard Williams to a check payable to Jacob Renwyck would be to confess all. As well wave a red flag in the face of a furious bull. Again he was experiencing the results of folly, but this time it contained no elements of humor whatever. He was in for it—a maverick surrounded on every side by whirling lariats, and soon a sizzling branding iron would burn its everlasting mark upon his hide.

"Mr. Renwyck," he faltered, desperately casting about for some practicable retreat from his dilemma, but in vain, "I fear, after all, that I won't be able to—to go on with you. My bankers—er"—

The speculator looked puzzled.

"Ah," he exclaimed, "I think I can appreciate your difficulty. You doubtless bank in England, but that will not trouble us, I imagine." He opened a desk drawer and produced a pad of blank forms. "These are foreign drafts. Draw on your bankers at sight, and I will negotiate the paper through my own account and let you know the amount of exchange. You see," he laughed, "I am forcing you into a fortune, as it were. Really, I ought to charge you a commission."

The Texan took the blank draft handed to him, held it a moment, then slowly tore it down its length.

"I'm sorry, Mr. Renwyck, but—but I can't go in."

His companion eyed him critically for a full half minute. A moment ago he had volunteered to embark $100,000 in the enterprise, and now he would fain back out. What had changed him? The financier determined to probe this suspicious circumstance to the bottom.

"Why this sudden change?" he asked directly.

"Well, you see," began Richard, writhing inwardly at the falsity of his position, "I've been bitten in deals before, and while"—

"Nonsense!" interrupted the old gentleman shortly. "You can't lose on this. Why, my dear sir, it's a dead certainty. What more do you want?"

"True," agreed Richard sadly, "and yet"—

"There are no yets," interrupted Mr. Renwyck. "It is not a question of my needing money, for I have plenty of my own. I made you the proposition simply and solely out of friendship, and"—

"And for that very reason," Richard cut in, "I must decline. I appreciate the spirit in which you have tried to help me, but circumstances render my acceptance impossible."

Again the financier regarded his extraordinary young friend critically through half closed eyes.

"Come, come!" he said bluntly at last. "Don't let's beat about the bush. What is your real reason?"

"Do you mean that?" asked Richard, rising to his feet.

"I do."

"Mr. Renwyck," he said in a clear, level tone which was now free from any deception, a brilliant idea coming to him, the more acceptable in that it was strictly true, "you are right. There are several reasons which we need not discuss. I shall mention one which is sufficient, and that is this: You are about to take advantage of a father's love for his son, which has removed an antagonist from the field. Pardon my speaking plainly, but it strikes me as being a rather unfair business method. I prefer to have nothing more to do with it."

Richard wanted a good slap at the unscrupulous old man and rejoiced in its delivery. It was Mr. Renwyck's turn to flush, though the condition was brought about by anger rather than shame. He was about to make a sharp retort, but checked himself and asked coldly:

"Why didn't you think of that when you offered to take $100,000 worth of shares?"

"I—I don't know."

"Ah!"

"It is sufficient that I did think of it before the money was paid, isn't it?" queried Richard, angry at this monosyllabic comment on his irresolution and vacillation.

"Quite," answered Mr. Renwyck in his most frigid manner. "Yet I think if you understood the circumstances better, Lord Croyland, perhaps you would view the matter in a different light. But every man has a right to his own opinion, and so, if you please, we will say no more about it."

He rose as he spoke to intimate that the interview was at an end.

"Thank you," shortly returned the Texan, "and now, if I may, I will say good night. I regret that I have taken up so much of your valuable time."

He crossed the library, unlocked the door and went upstairs without a backward glance, while the financier sat looking after him moodily. For many moments Mr. Renwyck did not move. His cigar went out and was held unheeded between his silent lips till at last he dropped it into a silver ash tray and, rising, sighed.

"Something surprising there. I don't quite understand. Who would have thought he would have taken it that way? I wonder if that was his real reason. I don't see that I'm to blame. I didn't run over the boy. Well, I'd be a fool not to take advantage of his father's absence. Besides, what difference does it make? He was a goner anyway. It's a life and death struggle between us. We used to be good friends. Is the Englishman right? I wish that—here, here, this won't do! I must go to bed at once. I can't make out that Lord Croyland. Seems as if I'd met him—er—what could be the matter?"

The millionaire paced the floor of his library for a quarter of an hour, then set his burglar alarms and went to bed.

Richard was equally uneasy. He looked at the little pile of Croyland mail that had accumulated, including several telegrams, which of course he had not opened, and decided to take it to the hospital the first thing tomorrow. It was criminal for him to have neglected it and his friend as well. And there were other things he would do on the morrow.

CHAPTER XV.

THE following day was an eventful one for the various members of the Renwyck household. Mr. Renwyck went earlier than usual to the city and in spite of a somewhat uneasy conscience worked ceaselessly to the furtherance of his harbor scheme. His triggers were set, and he only waited now for the trap to spring and catch Bill Williams in its fall and incidentally the Peace and Good Will gullibility—no, Realty company. Mr. Michael Corrigan was also quite busy during the day, though his occupation was a pleasant one. At least he seemed to derive intense amusement from the receipt of a number of lengthy telegrams from various points.

Richard, too, had occasion to use the wires, but in a different manner. Immediately after breakfast he made his excuses to the ladies and took a train for New York. At the telegraph office he sent out the following dispatch:

Mr. William J. Williams:
Mistake. Am all right and unhurt. Return to Austin at once and watch harbor deal. RICHARD WILLIAMS.

The young man made a number of copies of the telegram and had them sent to various junction points along all possible routes between Texas and New York, in the hope that his father might be intercepted on whatsoever train he might be a passenger and receive one of them. And in order to make assurance doubly sure he gave orders that the telegrams were to be repeated regardless of expense until the sendee had been reached. Richard had a perfect right to say that he was well and unhurt, and in consideration of Mr. Renwyck's method of doing business he persuaded himself that he was also right in adding his noncommittal warning. By this he hoped to put the cattle king on his guard, in which case he trusted to his father's shrewdness to circumvent the enemy.

This duly discharged, Richard called at St. Luke's hospital and was much distressed to learn that Lord Croyland was not doing well at all. He had developed a high fever, and in his present condition could receive no visitors. Richard therefore could only leave the earl's mail, securely done up in a package addressed to Mr. Richard Williams, with the message that Mr. Peter Wilson had called and would come again within a day or two. Then, having nothing else to keep him in the city, after a stop at a flower shop he returned to Irvington.

In the meantime the final rehearsal of "The Man and the Bird" was materially interfered with by an upheaval of conflicting emotions on the part of Miss Imogene Chittendon. By the morning post that young lady received a letter, which she read through several times, then ran to her room, flung herself upon the bed and expressed her emotion in tears and hysterics.

Miss Renwyck, in passing through the hall, caught the sound of weeping and went in to comfort her. She found Miss Imogene in a truly pitiable state, and the better part of an hour elapsed before an intelligent explanation of the trouble could be obtained. Miss Chittendon told her story in jerky, disjointed sentences, so interspersed with sobs and gasps that to quote her in detail would be an utter impossibility. The thread of the romance ran in this wise:

Several months previous to the opening of this narrative Miss Imogene had been a pupil in a fashionable young ladies' school in Morristown, N. J. Like many of her mates, she had carried on innocent flirtations beneath the very noses of certain stately gray headed wardens of propriety harmlessly enough. In her last and most violent affaire du coeur, however, she suddenly found cause bitterly to regret her rashness.

Mr. Roderick Fitzgeorge—the last Morristown object of Miss Imogene's transient affections—posed as a lieutenant in the United States army on a leave of absence, spending a furlough at the quiet little Jersey town. He was of a romantic disposition and appeared a very dashing blade, bewilderingly good looking to a pent-up schoolgirl in spite of a certain physical defect. The lieutenant was possessed of many other accomplishments, known and unknown to Miss Imogene, among which, according to the young lady's own statement, "he could make love just beautifully in the moonlight over a garden wall that was just covered with broken glass and a horrid wire with stickers all over it."

Be that as it may, this Romeo was untowardly discovered in the midst of a most poetical speech across the aforesaid wall one spring night about 10 o'clock, and the touching love scene then in progress came to an abrupt, not to say painful, end. This was caused by the pulling of Roderick Fitzgeorge's ladder from under him by the villain in the piece—the night watchman—who had treacherously crept along the garden wall at the instigation of the protagonist of the drama, the principal of the school, who, splendidly served by her intelligence department, had ruthlessly interrupted the course of true love.

The little drama ended in two more acts, the first a severe curtain lecture and a strict quarantine until graduation day for the fair Juliet and the second a brief hospital scene for the disturbed Romeo, who had encountered the watchman's club at the foot of the ladder.

Miss Imogene of course was furious. Therefore she wrote quite a dozen letters to the afflicted martyr, which she succeeded in smuggling to him, expressing her sentiments in far warmer phrases than otherwise might have been dictated by discretion or were justified by the facts of the case. She felt that her youthful heart—the dear Roderick's leg, to say nothing of his head—was broken irremediably, though the human heart requires a longer time to heal than fractured limb or cranium. But time cured both afflictions, and it came about in this wise:

A few days following his recovery Mr. Fitzgeorge left town between two trains. Many whisperings went around as to the cause of this precipitate departure, and many strange coincidences were noted. Among them was the somewhat prominent mention of a merchant's safe discovered the morning after his departure in a condition resembling Miss Imogene's broken heart. Of all this, however, Miss Chittendon knew nothing, and for many days she mourned. Of course dear Roderick knew nothing about the affair and only left Morristown because his leave of absence had expired or because he was angry at the residents or—but, whatever his reason, Miss Imogene was sure it was a good one. However that might be, from Mr. Fitzgeorge's point of view it was an imperative one.

With the lapse of time and with the advent of other objets d'affection—as her Cornelius Van der Awe, for instance—this love passage was dropped from Miss Chittendon's memory, especially as she had never heard from the recreant Roderick until he was brought rudely to her recollection by the receipt that morning of a fateful letter. In this document Mr. Roderick Fitzgeorge advised her briefly that, owing to several unhappy circumstances, he was forced to leave for the far west and, being lightly supplied with funds, would be grateful if she could spare her devoted lover a hundred dollars for the journey.

In case she found it inconvenient he still had in his possession a dozen letters which would not look well if printed in the newspapers. In case she did find it convenient to make the loan, which, knowing her generous nature, her correspondent did not doubt, she was first to tie a piece of white string on the left post of the Renwycks' front gate as a signal of assent, then open the library window at 3 o'clock on Friday night, when Mr. Fitzgeorge would enter, exchange her letters for the sum above mentioned and bid her an eternal farewell. If Miss Chittendon played him false—of which perish the thought—a friend had copies of said correspondence which would immediately be published, together with the garbled details of the former romance, a condition undesirable for a lady so widely known in the social world. The letter ended with the hope that Miss Chittendon was enjoying good health and spirits and that she might persuade herself to meet him on Friday, as requested.

To say that Miss Imogene was terrified would be putting it mildly. Her resulting condition bordered upon complete collapse, mental and physical.

"Oh, Harriet, Harriet!" she sobbed. "Whatever shall I do?"

"My dear," returned her friend as she bathed the sufferer's temples with cologne, "it is perfectly simple. You need give yourself no uneasiness. Father will quietly put the matter in the hands of the police. We will then tie the white string on the gatepost, and when this wretch enters the library window he will find himself in the arms of our officers, and we will not only have the letters, but the man."

Miss Renwyck's plan was based upon wisdom and sound common sense, yet to the frightened Miss Imogene it was the worst possible thing to do. She felt certain that if caught the man would put his threat into execution and expose the copies of her letters to the eager gaze of society. To prevent such a happening she would gladly pay five times the sum demanded. Therefore she decided hysterically that Harriet's plan was out of the question.

"Oh, Harriet, dear," she wailed, "you don't know how silly my letters were, and I'd go through anything to get them back again. Why, the pet names I called that creature—good gracious, Harriet—they were positively mushy!"

"What did you call him?" asked Miss Renwyck, humorously interested in this phase of the romance.

"'Roddy-poddykins' was one," confessed the debutante, with a vivid blush. "Then there were a whole lot more like that and worse—really, darling, I'd rather not tell them even to you. I should die of shame if Mr. Van der Awe or Lord Croyland or any one knew."

Miss Renwyck smiled, while the indiscreet Juliet went on tying her handkerchief into hard, wet knots.

"I've just got to see him, Harriet. I know I shall be just scared to death; but, no matter what you say, I'll not allow you to tell a single solitary soul, and if I'm found dead on the library floor in the morning nobody will care anyway—so there!"

The sufferer's state now became so alarming that her friend was forced to suggest another plan. It was against her better judgment, but something

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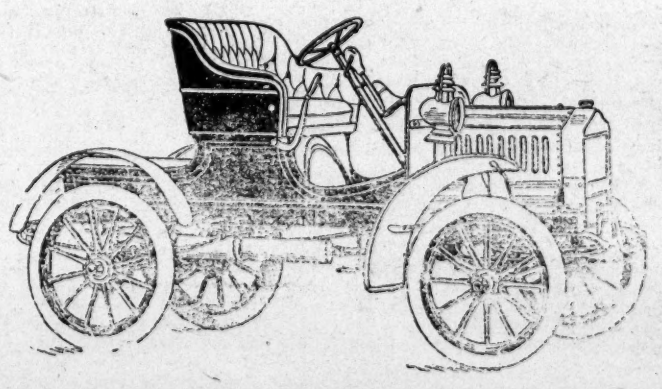

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had to be done at once, for otherwise Miss Imogene would never be in a condition to act the part of the bird in the play that evening.

"Imogene," she said sternly, "stop crying this instant and listen to me. I believe you will do a very wrong thing in seeing Mr. Fitzgeorge in the middle of the night, but of course I have no right to interfere against your wishes. I am older than you, and I tell you candidly I don't like it. How much money have you with you?"

"Fifty dollars, and I'll give him jewelry enough to make up the balance."

"That won't be necessary. I'll lend you whatever you need, and if you still insist upon seeing the man I will go down with you."

In an instant more two very shaky little arms were twined about Miss Renwyck's neck and a sobby voice was pouring delirious thanks into her ears.

When the fear of creeping down a flight of dark stairs alone was eased by the thought of companionship the sentimental young lady began to view the affair in an entirely different light. It would be an adventure which appealed to her strongly. There would be no earthly danger, she argued, as each could be a protection to the other, while if the worst came to the worst their screams would quickly summon aid.

The more Miss Imogene thought of it the more excited she became, declaring finally that she would gladly pay $100—which somebody else had earned for her, by the way—just for the fun of the thing. She felt now that she had exaggerated the possibility of danger, as the wretched, disgraceful man was after money only and would go away instantly he had received it.

"You see," she explained, "he shows his intentions are not bad by his very letter. If he had asked me to meet him outside in the dark somewhere I shouldn't have dared, but coming here into the library, where we can call for assistance, shows that he means no harm."

"But suppose he should not come alone?" suggested Miss Harriet.

"But he will," the other continued. "Besides, you and I will stand in the door on the opposite side of the room, and the moment we see two men instead of one, why, then, dear, we'll just begin to scream 'Fire!' or something like that, and then we can say we heard a noise and came down. Oh, Harriet, precious, do go and find a piece of white string!"

Miss Renwyck was not convinced. She did not lack courage for a woman, nor had she any actual fear of this man, who was clearly an ordinary petty blackmailer who tried to make profit out of an innocent schoolgirl's foolish correspondence. She could not imagine any other motive for his coming, inasmuch as the library window would be opened by an inmate of the house and closed and locked again immediately after his departure. Yes, clearly it was blackmail, and if Imogene had her letters returned intact perhaps it was the easiest solution after all.

"What sort of a looking person is this Mr.—er—Roddy-poddykins?" she asked, with a smile.

"Now, please do not call him that," begged Miss Imogene. "It makes me

"Stop crying this instant and listen to me."

feel like such a silly. Side face he is very handsome, you know, but full face—well, there is something the matter with one of his eyes."

"How do you mean?"

"Oh, I don't know!" she answered doubtfully. "He is looking at you all the time, you understand, but his eye seems to be pointing somewhere else. I think they call it a cast."

"Oh," said Miss Renwyck, "Uncle Michael told me never to trust a person with—with a cast in his eye!"

"Did he?" asked the debutante. "I wonder why. Oh, well, I'll never trust one—never again. Now, come on, precious, and let's tie the string on the gatepost!"

CHAPTER XVI.

UPON this eventful Friday, which might justly be termed "black" by the various persons connected with this narrative, two more gentlemen mentioned herein had occasion to use the telegraph lines vigorously.

The first was the Hon. Mr. Frank Kinwait, member of the upper house of the Texas legislature and chairman of the state improvement committee thereof. Contrary to Mr. Renwyck's positive statement, the distinguished legislator had not gone back to Austin. Instead he had quietly stopped over in Washington, held close communication with several mighty officials, then wired frantically to his most trusted lieutenant, the vice chairman of the state improvement committee at Austin, in a cipher code. These communications were imperative orders concerning the passage of a certain deep water harbor bill.

The Hon. Mr. Kinwait while in New York had held several conferences of a delicate nature, including that luncheon at Sherry's and other meals of a similar character elsewhere, and now deemed it expedient to be far away from the capital of Texas during the passage of the said harbor bill; therefore he gave the matter absent treatment, so to speak, though his meek associates on the committee carried out their leader's instructions to the letter. They had enjoyed no dinners in New York, but they were confident in a certain hope of at least partaking of the dessert vicariously through Mr. Kinwait.

The other person interested in telegraphy was the heavy hearted Mr. Bill Williams, himself en route for New York. Half a day before he reached Buffalo he received a dispatch from his son Richard, and for a quarter of an hour he was radiantly happy; then he received a second one couched in the same words, and it puzzled him, especially in the earnest warning to return to Texas at once and watch his harbor scheme. At Buffalo he received a sheaf of yellow envelopes which resembled a fine poker hand, in that there were four of them—all of the same kind.

In highly ornate language the cattle king expressed his belief that a trick was being played on him by his enemies, so he left the train and sought the nearest telegraph office. His friend, Mr. Loger, had failed to state the name of the hospital in which the son lay dying, and Mr. Bill Williams had not seen in the San Antonio papers the dispatch about his son, so the father wired all the hospitals in New York for information and lost three hours' time in waiting for answers. He received a number of replies from various institutions, eight of which disclaimed all knowledge of the patient, while the ninth advised him that Mr. Richard Williams of San Antonio, Tex., was truly confined in St. Luke's hospital and that his condition was not so favorable, owing to an increase of fever. Bill Williams was convinced some crafty trick was being hatched, but he hoped later on to settle with the hen. Meanwhile, whatever happened, he must go to his boy. He sent one more telegram and then hastened on to New York by the next train.

This telegram, addressed to Mr. Richard Williams, was received at St. Luke's hospital, and a pretty, fresh cheeked nurse took it to Lord Croyland's room.

"A telegram, Mr. Williams. Shall I open it for you?"

"Please," said the earl, with the listless indifference of a very sick man. "I dare say it is some beastly business matter. Read it."

The girl complied, reading as follows:

Buffalo, N. Y.

Mr. Richard Williams, St. Luke's Hospital, New York:
Cheer up, Dickie. Will be with you tomorrow morning. DAD.

Lord Croyland stared at the uniformed young lady while he fumbled fruitlessly for his monocle among the folds of his nightshirt.

"Rot!" he observed in languid disgust. "Haven't got a dad, you know. Some silly ass is trying to come a cropper."

The nobleman then turned on his pillow and closed his eyes, while the fair attendant looked thoughtful, took the patient's temperature and made a memorandum to the effect that his mind had begun to wander.

Meanwhile matters at Irvington were dragging along unsatisfactorily. The last rehearsal of the play had resulted in a spirited quarrel between Miss Imogene and her dismal fiance. Mr. Van der Awe was a champion of realism, even on the stage. He considered it the height of absurdity for a passionate lover to imprint kisses upon his adored one's theatrical wig near the region of her left ear.

"But, good gracious me," stormed the indignant bird, with a dangerous snap in her big blue eyes, "don't you have enough realism when we are alone? If you think I'm going to let you kiss me before all those people you are very much mistaken. Now, one more word and we'll leave out that part altogether, sir! No, don't speak to me! Don't come near me! I think you are perfectly hateful and ridiculous. How I was ever weakminded enough to engage myself to you at all is more than I can understand. So don't tempt me!"

The argument had become somewhat one sided, so the dismal one retreated from the field of action, crestfallen, but unconvinced on matters pertaining to realism. He was a practical young man, however, and decided to kiss the wig in the region of its wearer's left ear for the present. Later—ah!

Richard had made several desperate attempts at a tete-a-tete with Miss Harriet, but found her nervous, distrait and unsympathetic to his advances. She acted as though some shadow of impending trouble lay upon her mind, so the Texan gave up in despair, took a short lesson in British etiquette from the much subdued Bills and then went for a solitary horseback ride.

His deception could not be kept up much longer, for troubles were gathering above him like Longfellow's soaring vultures, and he fancied he knew one sick and wounded bison that would shortly be pecked to pieces, hoof and hide. And yet, no matter what happened, he would brazen it out to the bitter end. If he could only win the girl before the inevitable crash, then nothing else would matter—nothing!

Shortly after dinner the final preparations were made for the evening's entertainment. A tiny stage had been constructed at one end of the double drawing room and was provided with handsome plush curtains designed to slide upon a wire—when they worked properly, which was infrequent—which when opened revealed a dainty interior scene. The drawing room was arranged with chairs to accommodate the guests, who began to arrive shortly after dinner, and Restmore soon became a sparkle of lights and laughter. A gong announced the opening of the theater doors, and the audience crowded in, took their seats and waited with a flutter of excitement.

Mrs. Renwyck had agreed to speak the prologue, but at the last moment her courage forsook her, and she vowed she would sink through the floor if forced to face her guests. Arguments and encouragements were alike in vain, so Richard was prevailed upon to take her place, which he did, scrambling through somehow, assisted by a British drawl and his ever faithful monocle. To judge by a flattering chorus of feminine approval, he made the hit of the evening, though in describing his stage fright afterward he used a most un-English simile.

"'Pon my word," he confessed, "I felt as if I had swallowed a live jack rabbit that was trying to bolt eleven ways at once. Fancy!"

The play went off without a hitch, except for one trifling incident which came near spoiling it altogether. The dismal Mr. Van der Awe, true to his principles on realism, forgot about the wig and committed the indiscretion of kissing the bird plump upon her tempting lips, whereupon the ruffled ingenue gave him a most realistic box on the ears, forgot her lines and started in on an impromptu but spontaneous denunciation. This, in a measure, made Miss Renwyck's subsequent part fall flat, but no one in the audience seemed to know the difference, while both the man and bird agreed afterward that it improved the play.

If Miss Renwyck failed to be impressive in the great denunciation scene, the same could not be said of her personal appearance. She was dressed in an evening gown of soft, dull black, which brought out the snowy whiteness of her throat and arms. In her thick dark tresses a great tiara glowed and sparkled, rivaling, it seemed, the riviere of splendid gems about her neck, while at her breast blazed a mammoth brooch. Fashioned in the form of an eagle with outstretched wings, a shimmering blaze of light, the proud bird stood as an emblem of its country's wealth and daring, perched on the bosom of a princess of the free.

To Richard, in his present state of mind, Harriet seemed the most radiantly perfect creature yet produced since the world began. As she bowed behind the footlights for the second time to an enthusiastic encore a large bouquet of American Beauties was tossed upon the stage, and Miss Harriet blushed as she stooped for this most apposite tribute to her own charms. When safely behind the curtains she glanced at a card attached, which bore two words, "An American." This signature was vague, yet somehow Miss Renwyck picked the donor out from myriads of gentlemen who might better have claimed the title, and again she blushed as she buried her face among the fragrant buds.

"How splendid of him!" she whispered to her roses. "If only he had been my cowboy perhaps—perhaps"—

But the rest was a secret which the roses never told.

One by one the guests departed, but not till the last of them was driven away on the gravel road did Richard find an opportunity for a word alone with his ladylove. He was seated in a darkened nook on the front veranda, sheltered from the light by thick wistaria vines. He had lighted a cigar and was dreaming, as he smoked, of how beautiful she was, when suddenly he caught the swishing sound of skirts, and she took a wicker rocker by his side.

"Lord Croyland," she murmured softly, "I knew it was you by the smell of your cigar."

Richard was not a connoisseur as regards tobacco, and he wondered idly if the real Lord Croyland's favorite brand was up to the standard of this doubtful compliment. Miss Harriet continued:

"I'm glad I found you alone, for I want to thank you for these." She held her sheaf of roses toward him. "It was dear of you to send them, and it pleased me more than I can say."

"Nonsense," he laughed. "No flower that ever grew is worthy of you. That sounds foolish, I suppose, for many people must have said the same before, but I mean it simply, honestly."

"Thank you," she said softly, and both for a time were silent.

"Miss Harriet," he ventured presently, "you are beautiful tonight." He checked her pleased laugh and continued earnestly, "I don't mean that you are not beautiful always, but I have never seen you in black before, and"—

"How absurd!" she smiled. "I shall soon begin to think you like all the rest, a flatterer—just a flatterer"—

"No, no," he protested warmly; "it is more than that, believe me. I want to carry away with me forever the memory of you as you looked tonight. I must leave soon. I'm going home."

"Back to England?" she asked, a tremor in her voice.

"No, to Texas."

"What?"

Richard caught himself just in time.

"Well—er—well, you see," he stammered, "you have turned me into such a good American that I think of your country now as being quite my own. I lived down there for nearly a year, you know, and now—and now business calls me back again."

Once more they were silent for a little space.

"And are you not coming north again?" she asked him nervously.

"It depends," said Richard the Brazen, smiling into the wistaria vine. "Listen, Miss Harriet. I want to ask you something. No, it isn't a question. It is only a flower. I would like to take just one of those roses to a cowboy down in Texas. I will find him if I can, and I know it will make him happier than anything else in all the world. May I have the rose?"

His tone was sad and low, but Harriet's tone was lower still when she answered haltingly:

"No; you need not take it to my hero of the plains. No doubt he has forgotten me—if he ever thought of me—as I shall cease to think of him. What should a cowboy do with a flower? And yet—I will not be ungenerous. To me you have given all these. Take one and keep it for yourself."

With a trembling hand she laid a rose upon his lap, but Richard forgot the flower and caught the hand.

"You mean," he whispered eagerly, "that I might one day take his place; that I"—

"No, no," she protested, striving for release; "I—I gave a flower, no more!"

"No more!" he echoed. "Only that when I ask for—all?"

"Don't, please," she faltered.

"I must speak! I will!" he cried, swept away by the hour and the chance. "I had hoped to teach you to love me for myself—to realize that we do not belong to different lands and climes—for I am not"—

"Harriet!"

Mr. Renwyck was calling from the doorway, and Richard swore bitterly beneath his breath. It was outrageous to be interrupted just then!

"Oh, there you are!" laughed the financier. "Do you know, my dear, your tiara shines out in the darkness like a constellation on a moonless night? Come; it's time for little actresses to be in bed."

The Texan was given no more chances with Miss Harriet, for the rest of the ladies now came out, and his final good night was spoken only by a pressure of the hand, but a pressure which left him happy, for the girl did not fail to return it with something more than mere courtesy.

Richard watched in silence while she took the jewels from her hair and throat and breast and handed them to her father, and somehow she seemed more beautiful still when unadorned, for to him she was a gem more precious than her weight in glittering diamonds. With a heart more buoyant than his steps he bounded up the stairs, for tomorrow would decide his fate. Tomorrow! She had given a rose—no more—but she had not refused when he asked for all. Tomorrow!

CHAPTER XVII.

MR. JACOB RENWYCK, dismissing the new butler who had waited for his master, after having assured himself that all the other inmates of the house had retired for the night, carefully placed the family diamonds in his private safe, which stood in a corner of the library, set the burglar alarm and went into his room. For years he had attended in person to the closing of the house, except upon rare occasions when business called him from the city, at which times he left elaborate instructions with the trusted and time tried major domo, whose position on account of illness was being temporarily filled by the new man. The alarm once set, not a door or a window could be opened without a clamorous uproar from a big brass gong in the upper hall, and therefore Restmore might repose in peace and earn its name. Had Mr. Renwyck known, however, that one Woolsey Bills had departed earlier in the evening without consulting his master, perhaps his nightly prayers might not have been put forth in such a spirit of pharisaic complacency.

Therefore for an hour in the Renwyck home reigned heavy silence, which was broken only by the ticking of the great antique clock in the hall or its soft melodious chime as it struck the quarter hours. Outside a night wind sang faintly as it tossed a scudding rack of clouds across the moonlit sky and the ancient elms of Restmore swayed and nodded to its soft caress.

(Continued Next Sunday.)

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(In effect Wednesday, Jan. 8th, 1908.)

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LEAVE.

Wilmington	Wrightsville	Wrightsville Beach
East Bound	Westbound	Westbound
7:00 A. M.	6:25 A. M.	
8:30 A. M.	7:55 A. M.	7:45 A. M
10:00 A. M.	9:00 A. M.	10:45 A. M
11:30 A. M.	10:55 A. M.	12:15 P. M
1:00 P. M.	12:25 P. M.	1:45 P. M
3:00 P. M.	1:55 P. M.	3:45 P. M
4:30 P. M.	3:55 P. M.	5:15 P. M
6:15 P. M.	5:25 P. M.	7:15 P. M
8:00 P. M.	7:25 P. M.	9:15 P. M
10:00 P. M.	9:25 P. M.	
	10.30 P. M.	

Sunday Schedule.
LEAVE.

Wilmington	Wrightsville	Wrightsville Beach
East Bound	Westbound	Westbound
9:00 A. M.	9:55 A. M.	9:45 A. M
10:00 A. M.	10:55 A. M.	10:45 A. M
11:30 A. M.	12:25 P. M.	12:15 A. M
1:00 P. M.	1:55 P. M.	1:45 P. M.
2:30 P. M.	3:25 P. M.	3:15 P. M.
3:00 P. M.	3:55 P. M.	3:45 P. M.
3:30 P. M.	4:25 P. M.	4:15 P. M
4:00 P. M.	4:55 P. M.	4:45 P. M
4:30 P. M.	5:25 P. M.	5:15 P. M
5:00 P. M.	5:55 P. M.	5:45 P. M
5:30 P. M.	6:25 P. M.	6:15 P. M
6:15 P. M.	7:25 P. M.	7:15 P. M
8:00 P. M.	9:25 P. M.	9:15 P. M
10:00 P. M.	10:30 P. M.	

Freight Schedule.

Leave Wilmington 4:00 P. M. (Daily except Sunday).

Freight received at 9th and Orange streets from 3:00 to 4:00 P. M.

CAROLINA PLACE SCHEDULE.

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Leaving 17th and Market from 7:00 A. M. until 10:00 P. M. All suburban cars will make regular stops at Delgado.

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Leave Golf Links daily, except Sunday, at 2:40, 3:40, 5:20, 7:20 P. M. Sundays 9:40 A. M.

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Schedule in Effect January 5, 1908

NOTICE.

The arrivals and departures are given as information, as well as connections with other companies; but arrivals and connections are not guaranteed.

NORTHBOUND.

	48.	No. 42.
Lv Wilmington	9:00 am	7:00 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	12:03 pm	9:55 pm
Ar Rocky Mount	1:35 pm	11:40 pm
Ar. Weldon	4:55 pm	3:30 ar
Ar Norfolk	6:05 pm	
Ar Wilson	1:00 m	10:52 pm
Ar. Petersburg	7:05 pm	5:27 am
Ar Richmond	8:00 pm	6:10 am
Ar Washington	11:50 pm	9:50 am
Ar Baltimore	1:43 am	11:23 am
Ar Philadelphia	4:21 am	1:41 pm
Ar New York	7:23 am	4:13 pm

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41.	No. 43.
Lv New York	9:25 am	9:25 pm
Ar Philadelphia	11:37 am	12:15 am
Ar Baltimore	2:12 pm	2:51 am
Ar Washington	3:45 pm	4:20 am
Lv Norfolk		8:25 am
Lv Richmond	7:25 pm	8:15 am
Ar Petersburg	8:05 pm	9:03 am
Ar Weldon	9:59 pm	11:30 am
Ar Rocky Mount	11:03 pm	12:55 pm
Ar Wilson	11:47 pm	1:59 pm
Ar Goldsboro	6:15 am	3:12 pm
Ar. Wilmington	9:40 am	6:10 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Wil't'n	5:15 am	3:35 pm	7:00 pm
Ar. Flor.	9:05 am	7:30 pm	4:30 am
Ar. Col'bia	12:25 pm	11:10 pm	
Ar. Ch'st'n	1:10 pm	11:37 pm	7:30 am
Ar Sav'n.	6:50 pm	2:59 am	9:54 am
Ar. J'k'ville		9:00 am	3:30 pm
Ar. Tampa		7:15 pm	11:00 pm

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Tampa	9:00 pm	10:20 am
Lv. Jacksonville	9:30 am	7:35 pm
Ar. Savannah	1:41 pm	11:59 am
Lv. Charleston	6:12 pm	5:20 am
Lv. Columbia	4:30 pm	6:00 am
Ar. Florence	7:34 pm	8:55 am
Ar Wilmington	12:55 am	1:20 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	Westbound. Daily.	Eastbound. Daily.
Lv. Wilmington	8:40 am	Ar. 3:15 pm
Lv. Fayetteville	12:10 pm	Ar. 4:55 pm
Ar. Sanford	1:40 pm	Lv. 3:40 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEW BERN.

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

	Northbound.	Southbound.
Lv. Wilmington	3:30 pm	1:00 pm
Ar. Newbern	7:00 pm	Lv. 9:25 am

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WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Feb. 29.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market steady at 49 1-2 cents.

ROSIN—Market, steady $3.15 per barrel of 280 pounds.

TAR—Market, firm $1.30.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Market firm $2.25 per barrel for hard, $3.25 for dip and $4.50 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—spirits turpentine firm 71; rosin firm $4.00; tar firm $2.30; crude turpentine $2.35; $4.50 and $4.50.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	12
Rosin	247
Tar	7
Crude Turpentine	42

Receipts—Same day last year, 6 casks spirits turpentine; 1,255 barrels rosin; 87 barrels tar; 2 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Quiet, at 11 1-8 cents for middling.

Same day last year—Steady 10 3-8 cents for middling.

Receipts—477 bales, same day last year 608 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

PEANUTS—North Carolina Prime 65c; extra prime 70c; fancy 70@80c per bushel of 28 lbs; Virginia—No. 1, 66c; fancy 75@80c; Spanish 70@80c.

CORN—Firm, 80@82 1-2 per bushel for white; 78@80 for mixed.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams, 17c per pound; shoulders 12 1-2@13; sides full, 12 1-2@13c.

EGGS—Firm at 17@18c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull at 15@30c for large springs; growns, firm, 30@35c.

BEESWAX—Firm at 24c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2@5c per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 3 1-2 per pound on foot.

HIDES—Dry flint, 8 to 9c; green 4 to 5c per pound.

PORK—Firm at 8@9c per pound.

TURKEYS—Firm at 18c on foot; 18@20c. dressed.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 65@70c per bushel.

CHEESE—Firm, 60@70c per head.

COW PEAS — $1.90@$2.00 per bushel; white peas, $2.50 to $2.75 per bushel.

WOOL—Firm at 23@24c per pound.

THE COTTON MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star)

New York, Feb. 29.—The cotton market opened steady at unchanged prices to a decline of 5 points under a renewal of yesterday's selling by scattering longs who may have been influenced by reports of increased acreage in the Southwest, somewhat disappointing cables, and small English spot sales. There was some buying at the decline, presumably for both accounts and the market steadied up to a little over the closing figures of yesterday, during the middle of the morning. The cotton market closed steady with prices unchanged to 12 points higher.

Receipts at the ports today 15,966 bales against 23,009 last week and 23,473 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans 5,855 bales against 5,611 last year, and at Houston 4,091 bales against 3,969 last year.

Spot quiet, 10 points advance, middling uplands 11.45; middling gulf 11.70; sales, none. Futures opened steady and closed steady.

Month.	Open.	Close.
March	10.30	10.30
April	10.38	10.53
May	10.48	10.60
June	10.44	10.50
July	10.39	10.45
August	10.20	10.29
October	9 94	9.95
December	9.92	9.95

PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Quiet, 11 3-8; Net receipts 6,292.

New Orleans—Quiet, 11 3-8; Net receipts 5,611.

Mobile—Dull, 11 1-8; Net receipts 647.

Savannah—Quiet, 11.00; Net receipts 1,245.

Charleston—Dull, 11 1-8; Net receipts 64.

Wilmington—Steady, 11 1-8; Net receipts 477.

Norfolk—Steady, 11 5-8; Net receipts 1,308.

Baltimore—Nominal, 11 5-8.

New York—Quiet, 11.45.

Boston—Quiet, 11.35; Net receipts 297.

Philadelphia—Quiet, 11.70; Net receipts 25.

Total today, at all ports, Net 15,966; Great Britain 1,921; France 200; Continent 2,008; Stock 659,491.

Consolidated, at all ports, Net 15,966; Great Britain 1,921; France 200; Continent 2,008.

Total since Sept. 1, at all ports, Net 8,937,227; Great Britain 2,483,576; France 673,383; Continent 2,489,402; Japan 160,218; Mexico 1,299.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Quiet, 11 3-16; Net receipts 4,091.

Augusta—Quiet, 11 1-8; Net receipts 374.

Memphis—Quiet, 11 5-8; Net receipts 1,233.

St. Louis—Quiet, 11 7-8; Net receipts 488.

Cincinnati—Net receipts 81.

Louisville—Firm, 11 7-8.

Total today—Net Receipts 6,267; Gross Receipts 7,904; Shipments 8,918; Sales 1,984; Stock 265,958.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

(By Cable to the Morning Star.)

Liverpool, Feb. 29.—Cotton, spot dull; prices easier; American middling fair 6.61; good middling 6.25; middling 5.99; low middling 5.65; good ordinary 5.21; ordinary 4.71.

The sales of the day were 3,000 bales, of which 300 were for speculation and export and included 1,900 American. Receipts 16,000, including 8,200 American. Futures opened steady and closed quiet. Feb. 5.57; February and March 5.56 1-2; March and April 5.57; April and May 5.59; May and June 5.60; June and July 5.60; July and August 5.57; August and September 5.49; September and October 5.42; October and November 5.35; November and December 5.32 1-2.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Feb. 29.—Dry goods jobbers continue to do a fair trade with retailers but the latter are buying piece goods only in a limited way. They are operating more freely in cloaks suit, waists millinery, etc. Burlaps are easier and linens while quiet are still being ordered better than a week ago. Cotton goods in the primary market are quiet, prices easier. Yarns are still dull.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Feb. 29.—The tone of dull depression reasserted itself in the stock market today and yesterday's small gains were more than lost. News of the day was unfavorably construed. The assertions current earlier in the week regarding the revival in the copper came in for some dispute and demand for that metal from producers of finished products was pronounced to be still insignificant.

The attempt of the Texas State authorities to force a receivership for the Texas and Pacific disturbed speculative sentiment and aroused apprehensions of bad effects on railroad properties generally. A bad impression was caused by the unexpected receivership for the Oriental National Bank. The prospect of an unfavorable bank statement was of some sentimental effect although the immediate condition in the money market is not a pressing factor in the stock market.

The expansion in the loan account indicates some financing in progress during the week that has not appeared in the news.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, $1,456,000. United States 5s have advanced 1-2c, the 4s registered 1, and the 4s coupon, 1 1-2 per cent. on call during the week.

Total sales today 215,200 shares.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Feb. 29.—Money on call, nominal. Time loans, steady, sixty days, 3 3-4 per cent., and ninety days, 4 per cent.; six months, 4 1-2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 5 to 5 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange heavy with actual business in bankers bills at 4.3660 for demand and at 4.8350 for sixty day bills. Commercial bills 4.83 1-8 to 4.83 1-4. Bar silver 55 3-8. Mexican dollars 47 1-4.

CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Feb. 29.—The statement of clearing house banks for the week shows that the banks hold $29,262,675 more than the requirements of the 25 per cent. reserve rule. This is a decrease of $3,205,875 in the proportionate cash reserve as compared with last week. The statement follows:

Loans, $1,161,057,700; increase $17,088,000.

Deposits $1,167,133,600, increase $21,332,300.

Circulation $64,133,600; decrease $2,054,100.

Legal tenders $59,850,400; decrease $816,200.

Specie $261,318,200; increase $2,943,400.

Reserve $321,168,600; increase $2,127,200.

Reserve required $291,905,925; increase $5,333,075.

Surplus $29,262,675; decrease $3,205,875.

Ex-U. S. deposits $43,100,200; decrease $4,200,625.

The percentage of actual reserve of the clearing house banks at the close of business yesterday was 27.30.

New York Bonds.

U. S. Refunding 2s reg	104 1-2
U. S. Refunding 2s cou	105
U. S. 3s reg	101 1-2
U. S. 3s cou	101 1-2
U. S. new 4s reg	122
U. S. new 4s cou	122 1-2
American Tobacco Co. 4s	62 1-4
American Tobacco Co. 6s	101
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	99
L. & N. Unified 4s	97
Seaboard Air Line	44 1-2
Southern Railway 5s	87
U. S. Steel 5s	88 7-8

Closing Stock List.

Amalgamated Copper	50 3-4
Amr. Car & Foundry Co	26 1-4
American Cotton Oil Co	25 1-4
American Locomotive	31 1-2
Amr. Smelting & Ref	59 1-8
Amr. Smelting & Ref pfd	89 3-4
Amr. Sugar Refining	114 1-4
Amr. Tobacco pfd cert	77@80
Atchison	68 1-4
Atchison pfd	83 3-8
Atlantic Coast Line	59 1-2
Baltimore & Ohio	78 3-8
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	80@83
Chesapeake & Ohio	26 5-8
Kansas City Southern	18
Kansas City Southern pfd	47 1-2
L. & N.	83 3-4
New York Central	94 1-4
Norfolk & Western	60
Norfolk & Western pfd	70@80
Pennsylvania	111 3-4
People's Gas	86
Reading	94 7-8
Reading 2nd pfd	75@80
Rock Island Co	11 1-8
Rock Island Co. pfd	21 1-2
Southern Pacific	67
Southern Railway	9 1-2
Southern Railway pfd	30 1-2
Tenn., Coal & Iron	
U. S. Steel	28 1-2
U. S. Steel pfd	92
Va.-Car. Chemical	15
Va.-Car. Chemical pfd	86@90
Seaboard Air Line	
Seaboard Air Line pfd	
Standard Oil	480
Western Union	46 1-2

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Feb. 29.—Flour firm; Minnesota patents 5.20 to 5.60; winter patents 4.50 to 4.90.

Rye Flour—Quiet.

Buckwheat Flour, Cornmeal and Rye—Dull.

Wheat—Spot strong; No. 2 red 1.03 1-2 elevator. Options 1 5-8 to 1 3-4 net higher. May 1.02 5-8; July 1.01 3-4.

Corn—Spot firm; No. 2, 70 elevator. Options 1-8c higher. May 70 5-8; July 68 1-2.

Oats—Spot steady; mixed 57 1-2.

Lard—Quiet, unchanged.

Pork—Firm; family 15.00 to 16.00.

Tallow—Quiet; city 5 1-4.

Molasses—Quiet 28 to 42.

Sugar—Raw firm. Confectioners A, 4.70; mould A, 5.25; cut loaf 5.70; crushed 5.60; powdered 5.00; granulated 4.90; cubes 5.15.

Coffee—Spot steady; Rio No. 7, 6 1-4; Santos No. 4, 8 3-8 to 8 1-2; Mild coffee—Dull; Cordova 10 1-4 to 13 1-4. Futures net advance of 5 points.

Butter—Firmer; held common to special 24 to 31; process second to special 23 to 25.

Cheese—Steady, unchanged.

Eggs—Firm, unchanged.

Freights and Peanuts—Steady, unchanged.

Potatoes— Weak; Florida, new white No. 1 per barrel 4.00 to 6.00; Southern, second crop No. 1, 1.75 to 2.25; sweet potatoes, Jersey No. 1, per basket 1.50 to 2.25.

Cabbages—Steady; red, per barrel 1.00 to 1.12.

Cotton Seed Oil—More active with prices firm on speculative buying and lighter offerings of crude. Prime crude 28 1-2 to 29; prime summer yellow 37 1-4; off summer yellow 36 to 37; good off summer yellow 36 1-2 ot 37; prime white 37 to 39 1-2; prime winter yellow 39 1-4 to 40.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Chicago, Feb. 29.—Wheat prices on the local exchange advanced more than 2c today on general demand based on small primary receipts and a liberal decrease in stocks. At the close the May delivery was up 1 1-4 to 1 3-8. Corn was down 1-4. Oats were a shade higher. Provisions were 10 to 17 1-2 higher.

Leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—99 1-4; July 94 1-2; Sept. 91 3-8.

Corn—May 61 1-8; July 59 1-2 to 59 5-8; Sept. 59.

Oats—May, old 53 to 53 1-8; May, new 51 1-4; July, old 44 7-8 to 45; July new 43 1-2.

Mess Pork, per bbl.—May 11.75; July 12.15.

Lard, per 100 lbs.—May 7.65; July 7.87 1-2.

Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.—May 6.67 1-2; July 6.95.

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Firm.

No. 2 spring wheat—1.08 to 1.12; No. 3, 98 to 1.10; No. 2 red 96 3-4 to 99 7-8.

No. 2 corn—58 1-2 to 59; No. 2 yellow—60 to 61.

No. 2 oats—52 3-4 to 53; No. 3 white 51 to 53 1-2.

Short Ribs, Sides (loose)—5.87 1-2 to 6.50.

Mess Pork, per bbl.—11.35 to 11.45.

Lard, per 100 lbs.—7.40.

Short Clear Sides (boxed)—6.37 1-2 to 6.62 1-2.

Whiskey, basis of high wines—1.35.

NAVAL STORES.

(By Wire to the Morning Star)

New York, Feb. 29.—Rosin quiet, 3.75; turpentine easy 53 1-2.

Savannah, Feb. 29.—Turpentine firm 50 1-2; sales 15; receipts 161; shipments 587. Rosin firm; sales 542; receipts 590; shipments 1,075; stock 76,268. Quote: A B C D, 3.30; E, and F, 3.35; G, 3.35 to 3.42 1-2; H, 3.45; I, 3.70; K, 4.95; M, 5.25; N, 6.65; W G, 6.25; W W, 6.35.

New Orleans, Feb. 29.—Receipts 163 barrels rosin.

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BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 29, 1908.

C. C. Railroad—28 bales cotton.

W. & W. Railroad—45 bales cotton.

W., C. & A. Railroad—401 bales cotton, 8 barrels rosin.

A. & Y. Railroad—3 bales cotton, 10 casks spirits turpentine, 80 barrels rosin, 2 barrels crude turpentine.

Str. Lyon—2 casks spirits turpentine, 15 barrels rosin, 7 barrels tar.

Schr H. & V. Royall—40 barrels crude turpentine.

Schr. Addie May—144 barrels rosin.

Total—477 bales cotton, 12 casks spirits turpentine, 247 barrels rosin, 7 barrels tar, 42 barrels crude turpentine.

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List of Vessels Now in Port at Wilmington, N. C.

Steamers.

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Aragon, 1,072 tons, Dungan, C. D. Maffitt.

Schooners.

Wm. J. Lermond, 793 tons, Mercer, C. D. Maffitt.

Barges.

Pocomoke, 758 tons, Harmon, C. D. Maffitt.

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Mr. E. E. Chamberlain, of Clinton, Maine, says of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. "It does the business; I have used it for piles and it cured them. Used it for chapped hands and it cured them. Applied it to an old sore and it healed it without leaving a scar behind." 25c. at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

"Annulment" appears to be the long suit of the Thaw family.

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A Valuable Souvenir.

[Original.]

Winslow Coker came of a wealthy family, but fortunately for him the wealth had all disappeared before it had an opportunity to interfere with his abilities to make his way in the world. He went to Alaska on the news of the gold discoveries there and by a lucky stroke made an immense fortune before he was twenty-eight. Then, having regained the family prosperity, he laid plans for the social status. His family several generations before had been London swells, so he went to London to look for social preferment.

He said nothing there about his wealth, but announced that he was a Coker, with a view of trying, if the name would insure him, an entree to society. Some remembered the position held by his ancestors, but no one seemed to take him up on account of it. Then he mentioned his wealth, but even that—at least the mention of it—made no impression on society. Finally he fell in with Sir Thomas Spottiswoode, an impecunious baronet, who told him that to get into society he must spend money and spend it in a way to accomplish the object he desired. Sir Thomas offered to direct his expenditures for a consideration. A bargain was struck by which Sir Thomas was to receive £1,000 for himself and an unlimited amount for society.

The beginning was a dinner given by Coker, the invitations to which were given by the baronet. He knew those in society who needed money and paid liberally for acceptances from the right people. Among those invited were Mrs. Mulholland and her two daughters, Lillian and Grace, aged respectively twenty-four and twenty. Coker was by no means an unattractive man, and Grace Mulholland took a fancy to him. But in sending checks Sir Thomas made a mistake. He sent a separate check to the mother and each of the daughters. Grace Mulholland had been unaware up to that time how her mother maintained her social position in the face of poverty and was indignant. She sent her check right back, and to Mr. Coker himself.

Coker said nothing about the matter to his social manager. He felt sure that in the main the baronet was managing well, and this turned out to be the case. He steered Coker by gradual zigzag approaches, as military men reduce a fortification, into the best set in London. Coker after a few months got beyond the people he had invited to his first dinner, though in rare instances he met the Mulhollands. After a time he broke through the coolness with which Miss Grace treated him, having excused himself for his action toward her on the ground that he had desired to enter London society and had placed the management of his entree into the hands of another. In time her prejudice was worn away, but scarcely before the American rose to a social position so high that he was quite beyond the Mulhollands, and he never met them.

Coker spent several years in London, reaching the topmost round of the social ladder; then, at thirty-four, he had exhausted whatever pleasure there had ever been in it for him. He resolved to return to his native land and lay out for himself a career. What that career was has nothing to do with this story. Shortly before leaving he was driving by the house where the Mulhollands lived and saw a red flag flying. Upon inquiry he learned that Mrs. Mulholland's management of her affairs had not been a financial success and the home given the family for services to the state by the first Mulholland must go by the board.

A few days later Coker sent out invitations to a farewell dinner. It was a souvenir occasion—that is, a souvenir was to be given to each guest. He sent an invitation to the Mulhollands, writing one himself for Miss Grace, begging her to accept. If she declined he would consider the declination to mean that she had not forgiven him for that which he never would have permitted had he been previously honored by her acquaintance. She wrote an acceptance, saying that she had never blamed him and to make him feel comfortable about the matter would keep the souvenir intended for her as a memento of a very pleasant acquaintance.

When the dinner came off every one was surprised to see the Mulhollands at the function. Several young women present who had endeavored to snare the wealthy American wondered when they saw him singularly deferential to Grace Mulholland. The dinner was a splendid affair and the souvenirs were very costly. They were brought in for a last course, and when the covers were removed many magnificent jewels glistened in the lights. All were handsome except that of Grace Mulholland, which was a glove box containing a dozen pairs of gloves. She smiled sincere thanks, considering her comparatively valueless gift a reparation for the check.

When she got home she took out the gloves and with the last pair came a false bottom to the box, it having been glued to the gloves. Beneath was a folded paper of legal appearance. It was a deed to the Mulholland home made out in her name.

Many a painter would have been pleased to have caught the expression on the girl's face at this mark of devotion of the man for whom she had had a fancy from the moment of their first meeting. It required two days for her to come to a decision to return the deed to the donor with a note expressive of her deep gratitude and saying that she could not accept such a gift from any man not of her own kin.

She afterward accepted it from her future husband.

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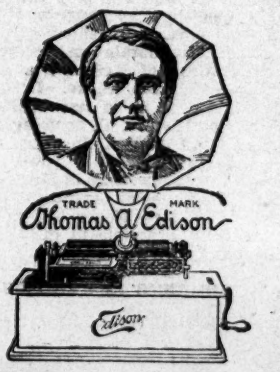

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MAN MURDERS WEALTHY WOMAN

Quarrel Over Financial Matters Was Probably Origin of The Killing.

HE THEN GAVE HIMSELF UP

Mrs. Charlotte L. Noyes Lives in Boston But For Past Five Months Has Been in Los Angeles, California.

(By Wire to the Morning Star)

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 29.—A quarrel over financial matters is accepted by the police as the most likely origin of a murder committed early today, when Mrs. Charlotte L. Noyes, a young widow was shot and instantly killed in her apartments in the fashionable west lake district by W. P. McComas, a mining engineer, who has been paying her attentions.

The slayer in his first statements to the police, declared that Mrs. Noyes had attempted to fling a cupful of sulphuric acid in his face; that he shot at the ceiling to frighten her and that he then fired to protect himself, exhibiting in proof of his statement acid burns on his face. The detectives disagree with the statements of McComas and express a belief that he deliberately applied the acid to his face. Mrs. Noyes who appears to have been wealthy, came to this city from Boston about five months ago.

The first known of the tragedy was when, at the close of a ball at the hotel Pepper, close to Mrs. Noyes home, McComas his face stained with acid appeared in the midst of the guests and inquired for Deputy Sheriff V. C. Carey of the hotel, to whom he announced that he had killed Mrs. Noyes. The police were summoned and the body of Mrs. Noyes was found on the floor of the dining room where she had eveidently fallen. Two bullet wounds showed in her breast and one of these the surgeons later found had pierced her heart.

When asked for a statement McComas said to the police "I have known the woman for five years and she has been bothering me. I could not stand it longer and put an end to it."

The revolver which McComas used is said by the police to contradict his claim of self defense. It shows that between the first and second discharges of the weapon the hammer fell upon two other cartridges, which failed to explode. In addition to this, although McComas claims to have fired once at the ceiling, both bullets were found in the body of his victim.

Detectives who searched the elaborately furnished apartments of Mrs. Noyes discovered a sheet of paper presumed to contain an account of the operations of McComas and Mrs. Noyes at the race tracks. It showed heavy winnings up to two weeks ago, but the total losses, all seemingly during the last few days amounted to between $3,000 and $5,000. The list was kept in the handwriting of Mrs. Noyes. A bundle of special delivery letters showed that Mrs. Noyes had directed to her daily, a statement of "tips" on the races.

HUMPHREYS IS RELEASED.

Was Discussing a Suspender Patent and Not Graft Case.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 29.—As a result of an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the arrest of C. E. Humphreys on the charge of attempting to influence A. A. Poist, one of the jurors in the capitol conspiracy trial, District Attorney Weiss today ordered his release. The District Attorney had inquired into the relation of the men taking the statements of both parties and declared that he was satisfied that the relations were proper.

The detectives said that the man was taken into custody because he was overheard to be mentioning sums of money to Poist, but the explanation is given that the conversation was about the transfer of an interest in a suspender patent.

CAPTAIN ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

Commander of Steamer Cardiff Was Oiling His Pistol.

(By Wire to the Morning Star)

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 29.—Accidentally sending a bullet into his forehead while en route down the Chesapeake bay, Captain Robert Harris, commander of the British steamer Cardiff, is in a dying condition tonight, at St. Vincent's hospital and not expected to live through the night.

Late this afternoon Captain Harris regained consciousness for a few minutes when he explained that the shooting was an accident. He says he was cleaning and oiling his pistol in his cabin. He explained that the pistol was discharged while he was attempting to extract the shells. After being shot he placed the pistol back in the drawer and fell in attempting to reach the door.

WILL ACCEPT PREMIUMS

Receivers of Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Co. Issue Statement.

(By Wire to the Morning Star)

New York, [illegible] notice issued today to holders [illegible] tessment policies, the receivers of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company state that they have concluded to accept payment of premiums now matured or hereafter maturing, holding the same in a special deposit and under the orders of the court return the same to the policyholders in the event that the company does not resume business.

NINE HOUR LAW HEARING

Was Concluded Yesterday and Decision is Expected by Tuesday Next. President Perham Strongly Opposes the Extension.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Feb. 29.—When the 9-hour law hearing was resumed today by the Inter-State Commerce Commission only a few railway companies which had made application under the law for extension of the time of its enforcement remained yet to be heard.

John L. Davis, the superintendent of telegraph of the Evansville and Terre Haute Railroad, argued that it was impossible for his line to secure competent and dependable operators to man their stations. He explained that during the past few months there had been such a slump in the business of the road that some of the offices which had been established previously were not needed at the present time.

George R. Peck, general counsel of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway urged an extension of the law so far as his company was concerned, because the expenditure of $300,000 a year, in his opinion, would an economic waste of money.

E. W. McKenna, second vice president of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad explained that 425 offices on his system were day and night officers and would be affected by the operation of the nine-hour law. He asked for an extension as to 44 of those offices.

Mr. Perham, president of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, said that he considered eleven hours, which the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul operators were required to work too long for that sort of service.

The hearing was brought to a conclusion with a statement of Mr. Perham, in which he reviewed briefly the statements made in behalf of the various petitioners. In his opinion scarcely one of the railroads had presented arguments which ought to induce the commission to extend the law.

ROOSEVELT'S FRIEND MURDERED

Was Ex-Collector of Customs and a Well Known Character.

(By Wire to the Morning Star)

Santa Fe, Feb. 29.—Patrick F. Garrett, until two years ago Collector of Customs at El Paso, Texas, was shot and killed today near Las Cruces, N. M., by Wayne Brazil son of an old settler.

Garret gained fame as the slayer of the notorious "Bill the Kid" in 1880. He served as coptain of Texas Rangers and sheriff of Dona Ana county. He was a personal friend of President Roosevelt. Garrett was shot while going from his ranch to Las Crusces. The killing, it is said, was the result of a quarrel between Garrett and Brazil over the use of the public range. Garrett was a cattle breeder and Brazil a raiser of goats.

FOUR BURNED TO DEATH.

Several are Injured and There Are Many Narrow Escapes.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Pittsburg, Feb. 29.—A mother and her three children were burned to death and several persons were slightly injured by a fire early today in the Brereton avenue foreign district. A large number of excited foreigners had narrow escapes from death and injury. The dead are Caroline Viacek, and Stephen, Carroll and Peter Viacek.

A 19-year-old girl jumped from a window breaking three ribs and John Kalinkowski, occupying an adjoining house, which was destroyed, threw his wife and four children out of the window into the arms of policemen and all were more or less injured.

MRS THAW DENIES REPORT.

Has Demanded No Money Nor Has She Been Offered Any.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Feb. 29.—Mrs. Evelyn Thaw today denied that she had demanded $1,000,000 or had received any offer for money to induce her to consent to the annulment of her marriage to Harry K. Thaw. Mrs. Thaw added.

"There has been no conference of lawyers and there will not be any. I have never been approached by any lawyers on the subject of divorce or separation, and you can say positively that there is not an atom of truth in any of the rumors. I have received no offer of money to consent to anything, and have made no demand for money."

COL. BRYAN IN MISSISSIPPI

Pays His Compliments to Kentucky Democrats Who Voted for Bradley

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Jacksonville, Miss., Feb. 29.—William J. Bryan arrived here today from Memphis to address a joint session of the Legislature at the Century Theatre.

The only new phase of Mr. Bryan's speech was his caustic reference to the four Democrats in the Kentucky Legislature who by casting their votes with the Republicans, elected Mr. Bradley United States Senator yesterday. He referred to them as "embezzlers of power" and declared that the embezzler of power is a worse malefactor than the man who embezzles money.

BUILDING AND LOAN MEN.

Are Addressed by Mayor O. B. Eaton of Winston-Salem.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New Orleans, Feb. 29.—At today's session of the 16th annual meeting of the United States League of Local Building & Loan Associations the principal feature was the address of Mayor O. B. Eaton of Winston-Salem, N. C. Mr. Eaton spoke on the scope and character of the Building and Loan Association work, declaring that it was through this institution that the American home is established.

NASTY CHARGES MADE IN HOUSE

Somebody Had Yielded to The Influence of a Land Syndicate.

BUYING A TARGET RANGE

It is Located Near Washington, Comprises 6,000 Acres and Will Cost $250,000—Senate Was Not in Session.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Feb. 29.—A veiled charge was made by Mr. Mann, of Illinois, in the House of Representatives today, during the consideration of the army appropriation bill, that some government official or employe had yielded to the influence of a land syndicate with the view to selling to the government a tract near Washington, D. C., for a target range.

An appropriation of $250,0000 for six thousand acres was provided for, which Mr. Mann denounced as far beyond its value.

He thought there had been undue tempation to somebody. He at once aroused the ire of Mr. Young of Michigan, who springing to the defense of the committee on military affairs indignantly denied that any member of it had been approached by any one but the Secretary of War or his subordinates.

The provision was stricken out on a point of order.

The bill was shortly afterward passed, the total amount carried by it being $84,757,566.

A joint resolution to create a commission to inquire into the practicability or of acquiring government ownership of and preserving as public grounds the estate known as Monticello, in Virginia, the home of Thomas Jefferson, was introduced.

At 4:13 P. M. the House adjourned until Monday.

The Senate was not in session today.

TWO BIG FIRES IN NEW YORK

Cars and Car Barns and Paint Factory are Burned.

(By Wire to the Morning Star)

New York, Feb. 29.—Two big fires broke out within a few blocks of each other in Harlem near mid-night tonight and all the fire apparatus in the upper part of the city was called out to fight the flames.

The big car barns of the New York City Railway Company, located on first avenue between 96th and 97th streets were practically destroyed, together with a large number of cars. The other blaze was in a paint factory at 102nd street and East river, and gave the firemen a hard fight. The damage at both places will be heavy.

At 1 o'clock this morning, the fire in the car barns was still blazing fiercely but there was no danger of it spreading. Foreman Lawrence in charge of the car barns estimate that over 400 cars were burned.

TWO MEN ARE DEAD.

Two Are Mortally Injured and Others Badly Hurt in Wreck.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Moultrie, Ga., Feb. 29.—Two men are dead, two are mortally injured and 10 or 12 others are hurt as the result of a wreck which occurred last night on the tramroad of the Union Pinopolis Saw Mills above Norman Park.

A log train of nine cars was derailed in an attempt to avoid hitting a cow on the track ahead. A flat car next to the engine carried forty hands which were returning to the mill from the logging station and this car was first to go off. The negroes were scattered and had not time to recover or to get away before the logs from the cars from behind came piling upon them. A number of the men were pinned down, some of them in water.

PRIESTS BODY IN PATERSON.

Is Constantly Guarded by Members of Catholic Societies.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Paterson, N. J., Feb. 29.—The body of Father Leo Heinrichs, the Priest who was slain by an assassin while giving communion last Sunday in St. Elizabeth's church, Denver, arrived here today. There was a crowd of about 500 persons at the station and a special detail of police was on hand but there was no demonstration of any kind. Delegations of different Catholic societies and a detail of police escorted the body to the monastery of the Franciscan Fathers where it will lie in state until tomorrow afternoon. It will be constantly guarded by members of the Catholic societies.

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

Meeting Called by State Chairman in Raleigh Next Week.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 29.—An official call for the North Carolina Democratic Executive Committee to meet in Raleigh March 11th, at eight P. M., is issued tonight, signed by State Chairman Hugh G. Chatham and Secretary Alex. Feild, the purpose being to fix the time and place for the next State Democratic convention and to transact such other business as may be deemed necessary. It is understood the contest for the convention will be between Greensboro, where the conventions have been held for several years, and Charlotte where an immense auditorium has recently been acquired.

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DISPENSARY CASES.

Judge Pritchard Takes Jurisdiction and Will Appoint Masters.

(By Wire to the Morning Star)

Asheville, N. C., Feb. 29.—United States Circuit Judge Pritchard today announced his decision in the South Carolina dispensary case, taking jurisdiction of the entire matter and stating that he would appoint two special masters to hear testimony.

This decision is in the matter of Fleischmann Company and other creditors seeking the appointment of a receiver for the $800,000 in the dispensary fund in South Carolina.

HERE FOR OPERATION.

Dr. J. D. McMillan, Prominent Lumberton Physician Brought Here.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Lumberton, N. C., Feb. 29.—Dr. D. W. Bulluck came up from Wilmington this evening to consult with the resident physicians in regard to the condition of Dr. J. D. McMillan and it was decided an operation was necessary. The operation will be performed at the James Walker Memorial Hospital tomorrow, Dr. Bulluck taking Dr. McMillan to Wilmington with him tonight on the late train.

SEVERAL IMPORTANT CHANGES

Are Made Governing Lighterage at Various Atlantic Ports.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Feb. 29.—Changes in the rules and regulations governing lighterage and delivery service at various Atlantic ports were authorized today by the Inter-State Commerce Commission on a petition of the trunk lines terminating at New York City. The regulations will insure uniformity between shipments handled at the Atlantic ports and at various Western points in the country.

The Virginia Senate passed the amendment pilot bill, which reduces the charge on bunker coal and abolishes pilotage on coastwise vessels. The measure is expected to pass the House as the pilots have agreed to the amendment.

Mrs. Nannie Hutton of Christiansburg, Va., who a few days ago entered a train armed with a revolver and tried to kill Frank Cauthorn, the slayer of Mrs. Ada Jones, who was being conveyed to an asylum, has been pronounced insane.

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DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

On and after March 1st, 1908, the partnership heretofore existing under the firm name of Dickinson & Davis will be dissolved by mutual consent Mr. C. L. Dickinson having purchased the interest of Mr. George Davis, will continue the business in his name. All bills due by the old firm, will be paid by the new firm, and all bills and premiums due the old firm will be payable to the new firm.

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Chairman County Commissioners.
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TO THE PUBLIC.

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NOTICE TO PYTHIANS.

The members of Stonewall Lodge No. 1, Clarendon No. 2, Germania No. 4, and Jefferson No. 61, Knights of Pythias, are summoned to meet at Castle Hall, Murchison Bank Building, at 7:15, this evening, for the purpose of attending Divine services at Fifth Street Methodist Church, in commemoration of the 44th Anniversary of the Order.

By order of Chancellor Commanders of said Lodges.

W. C. SMITH,
K. R. S. Stonewall No. 1.
J. F. LITTLETON,
K. R. S. Clarendon No. 2.
JOHN HAAR,
K. R. S. Germania No. 4.
A. S. HOLDEN,
K. R. S. Jefferson No. 61.
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage deed from C. L. Dickinson and wife to Emma L. Draper of date the 23rd day of November, 1906, and recorded in Book 50 page 264 of the Office of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover County, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Court House door in the City of Wilmington on Tuesday, March 31st, 1908, at 12 o'clock M., the following lot of land in the City of Wilmington, bounded as follows; to wit:

"Beginning at a point in the Western line of Second street Sixty-six (66) feet from its intersection with the Northern line of Nun street, runs thence Northwardly along said Western line of Second Sixty-six (66) feet; thence Westwardly and parallel with Nun street Ninety (90) feet; thence Southwardly and parallel with Second street Sixty-six (66) feet; thence Eastwardly and parallel with Nun street Ninety (90) feet to the Western line of Second street, the point of beginning, being part of Lot 5, Block 113, according to the official plan of the said City of Wilmington, together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining."

Reference is made to said mortgage for full description of the terms and conditions thereof.

This 29th day of February, 1908.

EMMA L. DRAPER,
Mortgagee
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1900	BAGS 8-3-5	25.70
6100	BAGS 8-4-4	28.00
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